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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Clayton W. Williams, Jr., of Midland is being
2 inducted into the Petroleum Hall of Fame on April 14, 2005, at the
3 Petroleum Museum in Midland; and

4 WHEREAS, The Petroleum Hall of Fame recognizes individuals
5 who have made significant contributions to the development of the
6 petroleum industry and impacted their communities through civic and
7 social involvement; and

8 WHEREAS, Born in Alpine in 1931, Clayton Wheat Williams, Jr.,
9 graduated from Fort Stockton High School and earned his bachelor's
10 degree in animal husbandry from Texas A&M University; he served in
11 the U.S. Army before returning to Texas to work in life insurance;
12 in 1957, he cofounded his first company, May and Williams, an oil
13 and gas business that quickly found success with a productive well;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, Over the next 38 years, Mr. Williams founded eight
16 oil and gas companies, including Clajon, which was established in
17 1961 and eventually became the largest individually owned gas
18 company in Texas; during the 1960s and 1970s, he became one of the
19 top natural gas wildcatters in the state, making his biggest strike
20 with the Gataga No. 2 in Loving County on New Year's Eve in 1975;
21 today, Mr. Williams serves as chair and president of Clayton
22 Williams Energy, Inc., one of 26 companies he has founded in his
23 lifetime; and

24 WHEREAS, Responsible for the development of ClayDesta Plaza

1 in Midland, he has a proven track record of leadership through his
2 many achievements, including the establishment of the 200 Club to
3 recognize the efforts of law enforcement and criminal justice
4 agencies and the nonprofit Chihuahuan Desert Research Institute;
5 the Republican nominee for governor in 1990, he has been inducted
6 into the All-American Wildcatters Association and has received the
7 Lifetime Achievement Energy Award, the Golden Plate Award, the
8 Jaycees Senatorial Award, and the Hearst Corporation Energy Award;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, The achievements of Clayton Williams as an industry
11 and community leader have distinguished him among the members of
12 his profession, and he is indeed deserving of this prestigious
13 award; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
15 Legislature hereby congratulate Clayton W. Williams, Jr., on his
16 induction into the Petroleum Hall of Fame and commend him for his
17 outstanding professional accomplishments and civic contributions;
18 and, be it further

19 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
20 prepared for Mr. Williams as an expression of high regard by the
21 Texas House of Representatives.