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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The team of Harvey Yates, Martin Yates III, Saint
2 Clair Peyton Yates, and John Yates is being inducted into the
3 Petroleum Hall of Fame on April 14, 2005, at the Petroleum Museum in
4 Midland; and

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

9 WHEREAS, For 75 years, the Yates brothers have developed oil
10 and gas properties in New Mexico, working collectively for Yates
11 Petroleum, while cultivating their own independent enterprises;
12 their father, Martin Yates, Jr., discovered the first commercial
13 oil well in the southeast corner of the state, and seven decades
14 later, the brothers have participated in some of the largest and
15 most significant fields in New Mexico; and

16 WHEREAS, After Harvey Yates made his first discovery in 1939,
17 he founded HEYCO, a drilling company with its headquarters in
18 Roswell; he was a board member of the Independent Petroleum
19 Association of America (IPAA) and the First National Bank of
20 Artesia and held offices in the Independent Petroleum Association
21 of New Mexico (IPANM), the Geological Society, the Boy Scouts, and
22 the Rotary Club; before his death in April 1999, he received the
23 Independent Petroleum Association of Mountain States Wildcatter of
24 the Year award; and

1 WHEREAS, Harvey's younger brother, Martin Yates III, known as
2 Bitsy, started his own production company, MYCO, after he
3 discovered a productive field in New Mexico with his father that
4 sparked a drilling boom; he worked with his brother, Saint Clair, as
5 a roustabout at Illinois Camp, north of Carlsbad, and the two men
6 eventually became successful independent operators, nicknamed the
7 Gold Dust Twins; Bitsy Yates was a member of IPAA and worked with
8 numerous oil companies as well as with the Artesia Little Theater
9 and the Artesia Broadcasting Company before his passing in 1985;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, Saint Clair Peyton Yates, known as S.P., perfected
12 air-drilling techniques at the Empire Abo field and worked with his
13 brother, John, discovering a technique to handle the overproduction
14 of water in the Dagger Draw wells; he successfully drilled hundreds
15 of wells and, in 1959, founded Yates Drilling Company, which he now
16 serves as vice president and director; until 1988, he served as
17 president of Yates Petroleum, and now works as the company's chair
18 and director; and

19 WHEREAS, The persistence and determination of John Ashby
20 Yates in his quest to find oil enabled operators to learn how to
21 produce oil from the water-laden reservoir of Dagger Draw field,
22 which in turn led to the growth of Yates Petroleum in the late 1980s
23 and the 1990s; he has served on the National Petroleum Council and
24 is a member of the New Mexico Oil and Gas Association, IPANM, the
25 American Petroleum Institute, the Roswell Geological Society, and
26 IPAA, which named him its Chief Roughneck of the Year; he has also
27 been inducted into the All American Wildcatters Association; and

1 WHEREAS, The Yates brothers' achievements as industry and
2 community leaders have distinguished them among the members of
3 their profession, and they are indeed deserving of this prestigious
4 award; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
6 Legislature hereby honor the team of Harvey Yates, Martin Yates
7 III, Saint Clair Peyton Yates, and John Yates on its induction into
8 the Petroleum Hall of Fame and recognize its members' outstanding
9 professional accomplishments and civic contributions; and, be it
10 further

11 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
12 prepared for members of the Yates family as an expression of high
13 regard by the Texas House of Representatives.