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H.R. No. 2313

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Joe L. White of Kilgore has distinguished himself as  
2 a vital and valued member of the community and an accomplished  
3 steward of the region's rich history, and it is indeed fitting at  
4 this time to recognize this talented Texan's many contributions;  
5 and

6           WHEREAS, A native of Henderson, Mr. White has been a pillar of  
7 the Kilgore community for more than a quarter century, and over the  
8 years he has ably filled such positions as charter president of the  
9 Kiwanis Club of Kilgore, president of the East Texas Historical  
10 Association, president of the Kilgore Historical Preservation  
11 Foundation, and Kilgore city commissioner, as well as serving on  
12 the advisory boards of the Longview Salvation Army and the City of  
13 Kilgore Parks and Recreation Department; and

14           WHEREAS, Since 1980, he has put his extensive expertise to  
15 work as the director of the East Texas Oil Museum at Kilgore  
16 College, and his unrivaled understanding of regional history is an  
17 indispensable asset in celebrating the 75th anniversary of the  
18 discovery of the East Texas Oil Field; and

19           WHEREAS, Since 1930, the East Texas Oil Field has become  
20 known as the largest and most prolific oil reservoir in the  
21 contiguous United States, and its profound importance to the  
22 history and culture of East Texas cannot be overestimated; and

23           WHEREAS, In commemorating the diamond anniversary of this  
24 momentous milestone, the people of Kilgore and East Texas have

1 benefited greatly from Mr. White's leadership, and it is only right  
2 that his contributions be recorded for posterity; now, therefore,  
3 be it

4         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
5 Legislature hereby honor Joe L. White for his involvement with the  
6 East Texas Oil Museum and the celebration of the 75th anniversary of  
7 the discovery of the East Texas Oilfield; and, be it further

8         RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
9 prepared for Mr. White as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
10 House of Representatives.