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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, An innovative group of oil entrepreneurs is being  
2 honored as the team of Samuel H. Marshall, William S. Marshall, and  
3 Donald Winston is inducted into the Petroleum Hall of Fame on April  
4 26, 2007; and

5           WHEREAS, The Petroleum Hall of Fame, which is based at the  
6 Petroleum Museum in Midland, recognizes individuals who have made  
7 outstanding contributions to the development of the petroleum  
8 industry or who have inspired others through their achievements,  
9 service, or strength of character; and

10           WHEREAS, The principal figures behind Marshall & Winston, Sam  
11 Marshall, Bill Marshall, and Don Winston, created a prominent oil  
12 exploration and producing company that has been in business for  
13 nearly 80 years; Sam Marshall and Don Winston, now both deceased,  
14 founded the firm in 1928 after meeting one another in Los Angeles;  
15 previously, Mr. Marshall had discovered the Getty Pool in New  
16 Mexico while working as a petroleum geologist for Getty Oil; from  
17 the beginning, Marshall & Winston focused their efforts on New  
18 Mexico and Texas; the company began to make significant discoveries  
19 in the early 1940s and continued its success in the years following  
20 World War II; and

21           WHEREAS, Bill Marshall joined the company in 1958 and helped  
22 discover the Portal Field; settling in Midland, he became the  
23 president of Marshall & Winston in 1967 and in the following decades  
24 oversaw its expansion, which was spurred by a lucrative oil

1 discovery in Concho County; today, Marshall & Winston conducts  
2 operations in six states; and

3 WHEREAS, Both Sam Marshall and Don Winston were active in  
4 their local communities, and Bill Marshall has carried on that  
5 tradition, supporting many Midland-area institutions, including  
6 the Midland College Foundation, the Museum of the Southwest, and  
7 First Presbyterian Church of Midland; he is also a member of  
8 industry organizations such as the American Association of  
9 Petroleum Geologists and the Permian Basin Petroleum Association;  
10 and

11 WHEREAS, Exhibiting inspired leadership and employing  
12 innovative techniques, these three professionals established a  
13 successful and influential company that has been greatly admired by  
14 their peers, and their impressive record of achievement truly  
15 merits this hall of fame commendation; now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas  
17 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the team of Samuel H. Marshall,  
18 William S. Marshall, and Donald Winston on its induction into the  
19 Petroleum Hall of Fame and honor the leaders of Marshall & Winston  
20 for their contributions to the oil and gas business that is such a  
21 vital part of the Texas economy; and, be it further

22 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
23 prepared for Bill Marshall and for the families of Sam Marshall and  
24 Don Winston as an expression of high regard by the Texas House of  
25 Representatives.