

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 262

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize James C. Henry, who is being honored by the Permian Basin Petroleum Association with its Top Hand Award; and

WHEREAS, Jim Henry began his career in 1957 by serving as an engineer with Humble Oil and Refining Company; in 1958 and 1959, he served in the air force as a lieutenant and conducted research in the Jet Propulsion Laboratory at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Ohio; he then returned to work with Humble Oil and Refining Company and later worked for Skelly Oil Company and Solar Oil Company before starting his own business; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Henry is co-owner and chief executive officer of Henry Petroleum Corporation, the company he cofounded in 1969 as H & L Consultants; he bought out his partner in 1977; today, Henry Petroleum Corporation is the 30th largest oil and gas company in the state and provides work for 70 employees; it spends more than \$20 million yearly in drilling, completing, and operating oil and gas wells in West Texas; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Henry stepped down from the day-to-day operations of Henry Petroleum Corporation in 1986 and began devoting more time to his many philanthropic endeavors; his service to others is well known throughout the West Texas area; he is the recipient of an Honorary Life Member award from United Way of Midland and was named the Outstanding Board Volunteer of 1989 by the Volunteer Center of Midland; he was the first West Texan to receive the HOPE Award from the National Multiple Sclerosis Society; it is the highest award given by the organization for outstanding community service and exceptional generosity; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his numerous philanthropic activities and his continued service as chief executive officer of Henry Petroleum Corporation, he founded the Permian Information Exchange, a nonprofit organization dedicated to information exchange in the petroleum industry; he also founded the Applied Petroleum Technology Academy, an organization which promotes the sharing of knowledge of petroleum technology throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, Jim Henry is a highly respected business and community leader who has contributed greatly to the welfare of West Texas citizens and to our state's oil and gas industry, and the Texas Senate joins the Permian Basin Petroleum Association in paying tribute to this distinguished Texan; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 80th Legislature, hereby commend James C. Henry on his service to his community and on his outstanding professional achievements and extend to him congratulations on receiving the Permian Basin Association's Top Hand Award; and, be it further

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RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for him as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 19, 2007.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate