

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Texas Historical Commission has approved a new
2 historical marker commemorating the history of the Pure Oil Company
3 Camp near Van; and

4 WHEREAS, Researched by members of the Van Zandt County
5 Historical Commission and sponsored by the Van Area Oil and
6 Historical Museum, the new marker tells an important part of the
7 story of the rich Van oil field during the 1930s and 1940s; and

8 WHEREAS, After oil was discovered in Van in 1929, the Pure Oil
9 Company set up a headquarters camp to serve as a storage and
10 distribution center for machinery, equipment, and supplies and as a
11 centralized location for the field's management; and

12 WHEREAS, The camp also featured a geological laboratory that
13 collected core samples from every well drilled in the Van field; the
14 careful planning and efficiency of the camp drew admiring visitors
15 from around the world; and

16 WHEREAS, During World War II, the Pure Oil Company Camp's
17 management of the Van field helped produce enough crude oil to
18 manufacture more than six hundred million gallons of gasoline; 80
19 years later, the field is still productive; and

20 WHEREAS, The approval of an official Texas Historical Marker
21 to note the Pure Oil Company Camp's unique role in Texas history
22 serves as an excellent opportunity to celebrate the 80th
23 anniversary of the discovery of the Van oil field and of this
24 colorful region of the Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

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1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
2 Legislature hereby commemorate the approval of a new historical
3 marker for the Pure Oil Company Camp in Van by the Texas Historical
4 Commission and congratulate the Van Zandt County Historical
5 Commission and the Van Area Oil and Historical Museum on their
6 efforts to win approval for the marker.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 822 was adopted by the House on March 26, 2009, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House