

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Family, friends, and colleagues are mourning the  
2 loss of Lloyd Franklin Pitts of Dallas, who died on March 16, 2009,  
3 at the age of 98; and

4           WHEREAS, Frank Pitts was born in Wesson, Mississippi, on  
5 October 7, 1910, to Addie Mae Sandifer and John Loyd Pitts; after  
6 graduating from Copiah-Lincoln Community College in Wesson in 1930,  
7 he attended Northwestern University; and

8           WHEREAS, In 1935, Mr. Pitts married the former Mary Martha  
9 McCann, and the couple shared a fulfilling life together for 58  
10 years, until Mrs. McCann's death in 1993; and

11           WHEREAS, Mr. Pitts began his working life with the Nu-Enamel  
12 Paint Company of Chicago; from 1934 to 1937, he opened paint stores  
13 for the company across Europe, and at the age of 29 he was made  
14 president of the international company; his witnessing of the rise  
15 of fascism in Italy and Germany during those years instilled in him  
16 an intense love of the freedoms of his own nation; and

17           WHEREAS, Returning to the United States, Mr. Pitts became an  
18 independent oilman, and he was a leader in the petroleum and natural  
19 gas industry for nearly 70 years; he founded the Pitts Oil Company,  
20 an oil and gas exploration services firm that continues to this day;  
21 for 12 years, he was also the chief executive officer of an  
22 international geophysical company; over the course of his  
23 remarkable career, he participated in the drilling of more than  
24 3,000 wells; and

1           WHEREAS, Mr. Pitts benefited his professional community  
2 through his work as president of the Texas Independent Producers  
3 and Royalty Owners Association for two terms and as chair of the  
4 Industry Forum of the American Petroleum Institute; he served under  
5 every secretary of the Department of Energy since 1977 as a member  
6 of the National Petroleum Council, and he was appointed to the  
7 Natural Gas Committee of the Independent Petroleum Association of  
8 America and to the Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission; he was  
9 also a dynamic representative of the industry before state and  
10 national governmental bodies; and

11           WHEREAS, This outstanding entrepreneur was often honored for  
12 his contributions to the petroleum industry; he received the Chief  
13 Roughneck Award from the IPAA, the Pioneer of the Year Award from  
14 the Texas Railroad Commission, the Legend Award from the Texas  
15 Alliance of Energy Producers, the Mr. TIPRO Award, and the John  
16 Rogers Award from the Southwestern Legal Foundation, among many  
17 others; and

18           WHEREAS, Mr. Pitts contributed generously to his community as  
19 well; he helped found and served as chair of the Dallas Council on  
20 World Affairs, earning the council's H. Neil Mallon Award for  
21 Distinguished Civic Service; he played a role in the formation of  
22 the Dallas Opera, and he served as chair and executive committee  
23 member of the Baylor University Medical Foundation and as a member  
24 of the board of the Maguire Energy Institute at Southern Methodist  
25 University; moreover, he endowed four SMU presidential  
26 scholarships, a scholars fund, and a lecture series on oil and gas;  
27 in addition, Mr. Pitts was president of the Park Cities Rotary Club,

1 a member of the Dallas Citizens Council, and a longtime member and  
2 deacon of Park Cities Baptist Church; and

3 WHEREAS, Throughout a full and productive life, Frank Pitts  
4 dedicated himself to his family, his career, and his community, and  
5 the loved ones he leaves behind can take great pride in his  
6 remarkable legacy; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
8 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Lloyd Franklin Pitts  
9 and extend sincere condolences to the members of his family: to his  
10 daughter, Linda, and her husband, William A. Custard; to his  
11 grandchildren, W. Allen Custard III and his wife, Mason, Martha E.  
12 Custard, Laura Custard Hurt and her husband, G. Ellison Hurt III; to  
13 his brother, Troy N. Pitts; to his sister-in-law, Ida M. Olson; to  
14 his cousin, Dr. Charles L. Lloyd, Jr., and his wife, Sandy; to his  
15 four great-grandchildren; and to his other relatives and friends;  
16 and, be it further

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
18 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
19 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in honor of Lloyd  
20 Franklin Pitts.

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Straus	Gattis	Menendez
Allen	Geren	Merritt
Alonzo	Giddings	Miklos
Alvarado	Gonzales	Miller of Comal
Anchia	Gonzalez Toureilles	Miller of Erath
Anderson	Guillen	Moody
Aycock	Gutierrez	Morrison
Berman	Hamilton	Naishtat
Bohac	Hancock	Oliveira
Bolton	Hardcastle	Olivo
Bonnen	Harless	Orr
Branch	Harper-Brown	Ortiz, Jr.
Brown of Kaufman	Hartnett	Otto
Brown of Brazos	Heflin	Parker
Burnam	Hernandez	Patrick
Button	Herrero	Paxton
Callegari	Hilderbran	Peña
Castro	Hochberg	Phillips
Chavez	Hodge	Pickett
Chisum	Homer	Pierson
Christian	Hopson	Pitts
Cohen	Howard of Fort Bend	Quintanilla
Coleman	Howard of Travis	Raymond
Cook	Hughes	Riddle
Corte	Hunter	Rios Ybarra
Crabb	Isett	Ritter
Craddick	Jackson	Rodriguez
Creighton	Jones	Rose
Crownover	Keffer	Sheffield
Darby	Kent	Shelton
Davis of Harris	King of Parker	Smith of Tarrant
Davis of Dallas	King of Taylor	Smith of Harris
Deshotel	King of Zavala	Smithee
Driver	Kleinschmidt	Solomons
Dukes	Kolkhorst	Strama
Dunnam	Kuempel	Swinford
Dutton	Laubenberg	Taylor
Edwards	Legler	Thibaut
Eiland	Leibowitz	Thompson
Eissler	Lewis	Truitt
Elkins	Lucio III	Turner of Tarrant
England	Madden	Turner of Harris
Farabee	Maldonado	Vaught
Farias	Mallory Caraway	Veasey
Farrar	Marquez	Villarreal
Fletcher	Martinez	Vo
Flores	Martinez Fischer	Walle
Flynn	McCall	Weber
Frost	McClendon	Woolley
Gallego	McReynolds	Zerwas

H.R. No. 1153

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1153 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on April 15, 2009.

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Chief Clerk of the House