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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Beal family of Midland has been honored with a
2 2009 Hearst Energy Award for lifetime achievement by the *Midland*
3 *Reporter-Telegram* and its parent company, the Hearst Corporation;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, In 1949, petroleum engineer Carlton Beal, Sr.,
6 drilled his first oil well in West Texas; the son of a California
7 geologist and oilman, Mr. Beal was a Stanford graduate and had
8 earned his master's degree in petroleum engineering at the
9 Massachusetts Institute of Technology before going on to serve in
10 the Petroleum Administration for War and teach at the University of
11 Southern California during World War II; he moved his family to
12 Midland in 1953, and the next year formed Beal, Trobaugh and
13 Associates with a former student; and

14 WHEREAS, BTA became one of the most successful independent
15 oil companies in the Permian Basin, and Beal family members took on
16 leadership roles in the community; in 1959, Mr. Beal and his wife,
17 Keleen, created the Beal Foundation that has generously supported
18 educational, religious, and charitable causes; Mrs. Beal served as
19 chair of the foundation, and the family and the foundation were
20 honored by the establishment of Beal Plaza at Midland College in
21 1978; 20 years later, the foundation received the fifth annual
22 Permian Basin National Philanthropy Day Outstanding Foundation
23 Award; and

24 WHEREAS, The couple and their foundation made numerous

1 significant donations to Midland College, and this tradition has
2 been followed by their son, Spencer, who joined the Midland College
3 Foundation Board in 1984 and served as its president from 1992 to
4 1996; for his contributions to the school and the community, he was
5 recognized in 2005 with the Outstanding Volunteer Award on the 12th
6 annual Permian Basin National Philanthropy Day; and

7 WHEREAS, Today, numerous members of the Beal family uphold
8 the legacy of civic commitment established by Mr. Beal, who died in
9 1994, and Mrs. Beal, who passed away in 2006; the company, now known
10 as BTA Oil Producers, continues to be a family enterprise, and the
11 partners include Mr. and Mrs. Beal's four sons, Carlton "Carty"
12 Beal, Jr., Barry Beal, Sr., and Spencer and Kelly Beal, as well as
13 two of Barry Beal's sons, Stuart Beal and Barry "BJ" Beal, Jr., and
14 Barry Beal's son-in-law, Bob Davenport; BJ Beal also serves as
15 general manager; and

16 WHEREAS, Other members of this prominent and civic-minded
17 family are Linda Kay Nanny Beal, wife of Carty Beal, and their
18 children, Carl Beal III, Cristina Beal Johnstone, and Lauren Beal
19 Sherry, Nancy Carruth Beal, wife of Barry Beal, and their other
20 children, Elizabeth Beal Davenport and Stephen Beal, Karlene Beal
21 Garber and her husband, Richard, and their children, Michele
22 Garber, Chris Hinojosa, Laurie Garber Fulton, and Scott Beal, Karen
23 Roberts Beal, wife of Spencer Beal, and their children, Spencer
24 Beal, Jr., Kimberly Beal, and Rebecca Beal McClure, and Chrys
25 Detmering Beal, wife of Kelly Beal, and their children, Robin Beal
26 Bumstead, Leigh Beal Sheppard, and KC Beal; and

27 WHEREAS, For more than half a century, BTA Oil Producers has

1 played a vital role in the prosperity of Midland and the Permian
2 Basin and members of the Beal family have worked with admirable
3 diligence to make a positive difference in their community; now,
4 therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
6 Legislature hereby congratulate the Beal family on receiving the
7 2009 Hearst Energy Award for lifetime achievement and extend to the
8 family members best wishes for continued success in their
9 worthwhile endeavors; and, be it further

10 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
11 prepared for the Beal family as an expression of high regard by the
12 Texas House of Representatives.