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S.C.R. No. 27

1 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The Legislature of the State of Texas is pleased to
3 welcome the members of the Texas Independent Producers and Royalty
4 Owners Association to Austin and to join them in celebrating
5 February 26, 2009, as TIPRO Day at the State Capitol; and

6 WHEREAS, Beginning early in the 20th century, the great oil
7 fields of Texas were discovered in rapid succession; from
8 Spindletop to Burkburnett to Santa Rita to the Permian Basin, these
9 vast reserves provided great wealth to our state; and

10 WHEREAS, Conflicts between independent producers and the
11 major oil companies began to arise, and independent producers began
12 to organize to protect their interests; in 1933, the Independent
13 Petroleum Association was born in East Texas, and it soon grew to
14 encompass producers from across the state; it was reconstituted in
15 1946 as the Texas Independent Producers and Royalty Owners
16 Association; and

17 WHEREAS, Independent oil producers create many jobs which
18 benefit our state, and oil and natural gas production generated \$4
19 billion in revenue through the severance tax in 2008; and

20 WHEREAS, Independent producers develop 90 percent of all
21 American wells, and Texas' independent producers operate half of
22 all active land rigs in the United States; their self-reliant
23 attitude has produced a century of prosperity for our state, and
24 they are truly deserving of recognition for their many

1 achievements; now, therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the 81st Legislature of the State of Texas
3 hereby commend the Texas Independent Producers and Royalty Owners
4 Association on its many contributions to our state and extend to its
5 members best wishes for a memorable TIPRO Day at the State Capitol;
6 and, be it further

7 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be prepared for this
8 outstanding organization as an expression of esteem from the Texas
9 Legislature.