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1 CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

- 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
- 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.