

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 45

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Ted Collins, Jr., who is the recipient of the 2008 Top Hand Award from the Permian Basin Petroleum Association; and

WHEREAS, Ted Collins began his career in the Permian Basin as a petroleum engineer with Pan American Petroleum Corporation in Andrews in 1960; although his remarkable career has taken him all across North America, he has called Midland his home since he opened his first office there more than four decades ago, and he still touts the advantages of participating in the oil and gas industry in the Permian Basin; and

WHEREAS, Ted's father, C. O. Ted Collins, was one of Fort Worth's pioneer oilmen, and following in his footsteps, Ted has carved out an exceptionally successful oil and gas career; for his many contributions to the industry and for his dedication to the American Association of Professional Landmen and the Permian Basin Landmen's Association, he was honored with a lifetime achievement award in 2006; and

WHEREAS, One of the founders of Fort Worth's American Quasar Petroleum Company, he also served as president of Houston Natural Gas, which became Enron, during the 1980s; he was president of Collins and Ware, Incorporated, from 1988 to 2000; he then served as president of Collins and Ware Investments Company, and he is currently active in the Permian Basin as chairman and chief executive officer of Patriot Resources Partners, LLC; Mr. Collins is also active in the Barnett Shale gas play in North Texas and the Bakken Shale oil play in North Dakota; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his significant contributions to the oil and gas industry, Ted Collins has served on The University of Texas Development Board and in a number of civic capacities in the Midland community, and he is highly respected for his leadership and exceptional accomplishments; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st Legislature, hereby commend Ted Collins, Jr., on the prominent role he has played in the oil and gas industry and extend congratulations to him on earning the Permian Basin Petroleum Association's 2008 Top Hand Award; and, be it further

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RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared in honor of Ted Collins, Jr.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on January 26, 2009.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate