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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Honorable Tom Craddick was inducted into the
2 Petroleum Hall of Fame on April 18, 2013; and

3 WHEREAS, The Petroleum Hall of Fame, which is based at the
4 Permian Basin Petroleum Museum in Midland, honors individuals who
5 have made exceptional contributions to the development of the
6 petroleum industry or who have inspired others through their
7 achievements, service, or strength of character; and

8 WHEREAS, Recognized in the Hall of Fame for his outstanding
9 support of the Permian Basin and the state's oil and gas industry,
10 Tom Craddick has represented Midland in the Texas House of
11 Representatives since 1969, when he became one of just nine
12 Republicans in the House; he quickly gained prominence as a member
13 of the bipartisan reformist group known as "The Dirty 30," which
14 advocated for changes in House ethics rules; and

15 WHEREAS, Representative Craddick eventually helped his party
16 gain the majority in the House for the first time in 130 years, and
17 he served as the first Republican speaker from 2003 to 2009; over
18 the course of a career spanning more than four decades, he has
19 served on numerous legislative committees, and he currently shares
20 his expertise as a member of the Energy Resources and State Affairs
21 Committees; and

22 WHEREAS, A graduate of Texas Tech University with both
23 bachelor's and master's degrees, he owns Craddick Properties, a
24 Midland investment business, and is president of Craddick, Inc.; he

1 is also a business development representative for Rapid Drilling
2 and Chem Rock, an oilfield supply company; and

3 WHEREAS, In 2011, Speaker Craddick received the Top Hand
4 Award from the Permian Basin Petroleum Association, which cited his
5 deep knowledge of oil and gas issues and his advocacy in behalf of
6 the industry; his numerous accolades further include the Hats Off!
7 Award from the Texas Independent Producers and Royalty Owners
8 Association; and

9 WHEREAS, Tom Craddick has distinguished himself as a highly
10 effective leader in an industry that is a vital part of the Texas
11 economy, and his accomplishments indeed merit special recognition;
12 now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
14 Legislature hereby congratulate the Honorable Tom Craddick on his
15 induction into the Petroleum Hall of Fame and extend to him sincere
16 best wishes for the future; and, be it further

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
18 prepared for Speaker Craddick as an expression of high regard by the
19 Texas House of Representatives.