

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 385

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize George Phydias Mitchell, a distinguished Texas A&M University alumnus and philanthropist, for his outstanding achievements in the oil and gas industry and his untiring support of scientific endeavors; and

WHEREAS, A native of Galveston, Mr. Mitchell learned the value of hard work at a young age, and a summer job in the Louisiana oilfields sparked his interest in the oil and gas industry; he graduated from Texas A&M University in 1940 with a degree in petroleum engineering; and

WHEREAS, George P. Mitchell went on to establish Mitchell Energy and Development Corporation, one of the nation's largest independent oil and gas companies; he and his research teams pioneered the development of hydraulic fracturing, a process that has revolutionized the energy industry and one that has led to a dramatic increase in the nation's available supplies of natural gas; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Mitchell also played a vital role in the development of The Woodlands, a 25,000-acre master-planned city that has been praised for its environmentally conscious design; he also founded the Houston Advanced Research Center, a collaboration of universities and research groups dedicated to the principles of sustainable development; and

WHEREAS, One of the largest donors in the history of Texas A&M University, Mr. Mitchell has generously supported the fields of physics and astronomy at his alma mater; his vision and

foresight helped Texas A&M University become a founding partner of the Giant Magellan Telescope Project, and he funded the construction of two state-of-the-art physics buildings on the university's campus; and

WHEREAS, George Mitchell has had a profound impact on the energy industry and on the technological and scientific enlightenment of our state and nation, and he is truly deserving of recognition for his countless achievements; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 83rd Legislature, hereby commend George Phydias Mitchell on his many contributions to Texas A&M University and his state and extend to him deepest appreciation for his invaluable accomplishments and pioneering success; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for him as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 4, 2013.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate