

By: Craddick

H.C.R. No. 126

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Ernest Angelo Jr. of Midland has greatly benefited
2 his fellow citizens through his outstanding contributions as a
3 business and civic leader; and

4 WHEREAS, The city's former mayor, Ernie Angelo was elected to
5 the first of four terms in 1972; he guided Midland through a period
6 of significant growth, improving facilities while maintaining the
7 lowest tax rate among the 25 largest cities in Texas; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Angelo has demonstrated an unyielding
9 commitment to conservative principles, and he has long been active
10 in the Republican Party; in 1976, he was the comanager of Ronald
11 Reagan's presidential primary campaign in the Lone Star State,
12 which resulted in a historic upset; four years later, he managed the
13 Texas campaign that helped pave Mr. Reagan's road to the White
14 House; he served as Republican national committeeman for Texas for
15 two decades beginning in 1976, and he has remained involved in
16 politics behind the scenes; currently, he serves on the board of the
17 Texas Public Policy Foundation; and

18 WHEREAS, Over the years, Mr. Angelo has also benefited the
19 state through his service as chair of the Texas Public Safety
20 Commission and as a member of the Texas Parks and Wildlife
21 Commission and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board; and

22 WHEREAS, A respected oilman, Mr. Angelo earned a degree in
23 petroleum engineering at Louisiana State University and began his
24 career with Gulf Oil in Crane in 1956; he moved to Midland and was

1 affiliated with Sohio Petroleum until 1964, when he founded
2 Discovery Exploration with two partners; in 1981, he was appointed
3 to the National Petroleum Council by the United States energy
4 secretary, and he was reappointed by the next three holders of that
5 office; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Angelo is a member of numerous professional
7 associations, and he served the Texas Society of Professional
8 Engineers as both Permian Basin president and state director; named
9 Permian Basin Engineer of the Year in 1973, he also received the
10 National Public Service Award from the Society of Petroleum
11 Engineers and the John Ben Shepperd Public Leadership Institute
12 Outstanding Texas Leader Award; and

13 WHEREAS, Devoted to his family, Mr. Angelo shares a
14 fulfilling marriage with his wife, the former Betty Lou "Penny"
15 Pendergraft, and he takes great pride in his four children and eight
16 grandchildren; and

17 WHEREAS, Ernie Angelo has distinguished himself through his
18 professional accomplishments and his civic engagement, and he has
19 set an outstanding example to which others may aspire; now,
20 therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, That the 84th Legislature of the State of Texas
22 hereby honor Ernie Angelo for his leadership and extend to him
23 sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

24 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
25 prepared for Mr. Angelo as an expression of high regard by the Texas
26 House of Representatives and Senate.