

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 586

WHEREAS, The CITGO Corpus Christi Refinery celebrated its 80th anniversary on April 15, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Since its opening in 1935, the refinery has played a vital role in its community, where today it employs more than a thousand people and generates an annual average of \$345 million in economic activity; and

WHEREAS, CITGO has further benefited the city through its dedication to corporate philanthropy; over the past decade, the refinery and its employees have contributed more than \$5.8 million in behalf of 37 local charities through donations to the United Way of the Coastal Bend, and in 2014, employees volunteered over 4,000 hours with community organizations; moreover, in 2012, CITGO launched the Hands for Hillcrest Grant Program, which supports initiatives that foster education, job skills, health care, and the environment in the Hillcrest community; and

WHEREAS, Strongly committed to promoting educational opportunity in the region, the refinery has awarded more than 170 scholarships to area students through the Corpus Christi Caller-Times/CITGO South Texas Distinguished Scholars program, and it has collaborated in establishing the First in Family program, which presents scholarships to local students who are the first in their family to graduate from high school; in addition, the refinery partners with the Foy H. Moody High School Innovation Academy to encourage students to pursue careers in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and math; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the past eight decades, the CITGO Corpus Christi Refinery has made a substantial contribution to

the Texas economy while giving back to its community in myriad ways, and this occasion presents a welcome opportunity to recognize the role it plays in advancing the prosperity of Corpus Christi and the Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 84th Legislature, hereby commemorate the 80th anniversary of the CITGO Corpus Christi Refinery and extend to all those associated with the refinery sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this Resolution be prepared for the CITGO Corpus Christi Refinery 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 April 20, 2015.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate