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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Inventor and community leader Fred Newman is being
2 presented with the Engineering Technology Award by the Permian
3 Basin Petroleum Pioneers at an event at the Petroleum Museum in
4 Midland on October 6, 2017; and

5 WHEREAS, A native of Louisiana, Mr. Newman began tinkering at
6 an early age; during high school, he worked as a mechanic and TV
7 repairman and also won several state and national science fair
8 awards; after graduating from the University of Northwest Louisiana
9 in 1965 with a bachelor's degree in physics and mathematics, he
10 joined Schlumberger as a field engineer in Arkansas, and he went on
11 to work for the company in Louisiana, Saskatchewan, Alberta, and
12 Utah before settling in Midland, where he served as the Permian
13 Basin completions district manager; and

14 WHEREAS, Since 1974, Mr. Newman has worked for himself in a
15 series of entrepreneurial endeavors; a licensed pilot, he
16 established Basin Flying Service, as well as an oilfield consulting
17 business, a drilling company, an oilfield technology company, and a
18 well-service company; he currently operates oil and gas wells
19 through his enterprise Newman Cubed; and

20 WHEREAS, This accomplished engineer has received more than
21 seven dozen U.S. patents for his oil-industry inventions, which
22 include a fully robotic well-service rig; the author of more than
23 two dozen technical and magazine articles for the Society of
24 Petroleum Engineers and the Southwestern Petroleum Short Course

1 Association (SWPSC), he has taught engineering refresher courses
2 for Rike Service in North America and Europe and today serves as an
3 adjunct professor at Midland College; and

4 WHEREAS, Deeply involved in his community, Mr. Newman joined
5 with his wife, Chris, in helping to establish the Hope House
6 residence for patients at the Allison Cancer Center; he has also
7 served on the Midland Independent School District Board of
8 Trustees, the MARC Board of Directors, and the Midland College
9 Aviation Advisory Board; his previous honors include the Stonneger
10 Pioneering Award from the SWPSC, the Wade Whitely Award from MARC,
11 and the Beacon Award for outstanding volunteer of the year from the
12 Nonprofit Management Center; and

13 WHEREAS, Fred Newman has been an exceptional leader and
14 innovator in the oil and gas industry as well as a dynamic and
15 generous member of his community, and he is truly deserving of this
16 special recognition; now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
18 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby congratulate Fred Newman on
19 his receipt of the Engineering Technology Award from the Permian
20 Basin Petroleum Pioneers and extend to him sincere best wishes for
21 continued success and happiness; and, be it further

22 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
23 prepared for Mr. Newman as an expression of high regard by the Texas
24 House of Representatives.