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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Joseph B. McShane Jr., a respected engineer and  
2 entrepreneur, is being inducted into the Petroleum Hall of Fame on  
3 May 9, 2017; and

4           WHEREAS, Based at the Permian Basin Petroleum Museum in  
5 Midland, the Petroleum Hall of Fame recognizes individuals who have  
6 made outstanding contributions to the development of the petroleum  
7 industry in the region; and

8           WHEREAS, Born in San Antonio in 1929, Joe McShane attended  
9 Trinity University and The University of Texas, where he earned his  
10 bachelor's degree in petroleum engineering in 1952; he embarked on  
11 his long and impressive career by working for such major West Texas  
12 companies as Forest Oil and Signal Oil and Gas; and

13           WHEREAS, In 1959, Mr. McShane joined with B. Oliver Wood to  
14 form their own company; four years later, they were joined by  
15 geologist W. H. Thams to form Wood, McShane and Thams and went on to  
16 acquire and develop their own drilling properties; and

17           WHEREAS, Mr. McShane helped pioneer the drilling of coal bed  
18 methane wells in the coal formations of the Raton Basin, and in the  
19 early 1990s, he promoted the use of 3-D seismic technology to drill  
20 deep exploration wells in Martin, Midland, and Andrews Counties;  
21 and

22           WHEREAS, A leader in his profession, Mr. McShane has been  
23 active with the Permian Basin Petroleum Association and was named  
24 the recipient of the association's Top Hand award in 1990; in

1 addition, he has been a prominent member of the National Stripper  
2 Well Association, the Independent Petroleum Association of  
3 America, and the Texas Independent Producers and Royalty Owners  
4 Association; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. McShane has given back to his community as a  
6 member of the Ward County Airport Advisory Committee and the board  
7 of managers for the Ward Memorial Hospital; his civic engagement  
8 was recognized in 1980 with the Outstanding Citizen Award from the  
9 Monahans Chamber of Commerce; in all his endeavors, he has  
10 benefited from the love and support of his wife, Marie; and

11 WHEREAS, Through his hard work and commitment to innovation,  
12 Joe McShane has distinguished himself as a successful and  
13 influential figure in an industry that stands at the heart of the  
14 Texas economy, and it is truly fitting that he should receive this  
15 prestigious honor; now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas  
17 Legislature hereby congratulate Joseph B. McShane Jr. on his  
18 induction into the Petroleum Hall of Fame and extend to him sincere  
19 best wishes for the future; and, be it further

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