

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 397

WHEREAS, For more than 80 years, the CITGO Petroleum Corporation has bolstered the prosperity and well-being of the Lone Star State by employing thousands of Texans and supporting initiatives of lasting benefit to the community; and

WHEREAS, Headquartered in Houston, CITGO Texas Operations boasts an 890-acre facility in Corpus Christi that refines 157,000 barrels of petroleum per day, provides over 1,050 Texans with high-paying jobs, and generates an average of \$345 million a year in economic activity; and

WHEREAS, CITGO's community outreach efforts include STEM education mentoring programs such as the award-winning CITGO Innovation Academy at Foy H. Moody High School in Corpus Christi, as well as an endowment fund that offers scholarships and financial support to students; the company also established coastal conservation and restoration initiatives in response to the environmental damage caused by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, and it provides heating oil to families in need across 25 states; and

WHEREAS, The company's health and wellness efforts include transforming a former hotel in Corpus Christi into Charlie's Place, a leading drug rehabilitation facility; it has provided generous support to the Special Olympics for more than 15 years, and in the past three decades, it has helped raise more than \$200 million for the Muscular Dystrophy Association; and

WHEREAS, Of all the factors that have furthered the success of CITGO Texas Operations, none have been more critical than the company's dedicated employees across the state and its community partners, all of whom have helped make Texas a great place to do business; and

WHEREAS, Throughout its notable history, CITGO Texas Operations has made a substantial contribution to the Texas economy while giving back to the community in myriad ways; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 85th Legislature, hereby commend CITGO Texas Operations for more than 80 years of outstanding performance and community involvement and extend to all those associated with the enterprise sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for CITGO Texas Operations 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 8, 2017.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate