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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, George P. Mitchell, a Houston oil magnate and
2 philanthropist and one of the world's most influential energy
3 pioneers, is being posthumously inducted into the Petroleum Hall of
4 Fame on May 2, 2019; and

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

9 WHEREAS, Born in Galveston on May 21, 1919, George Mitchell
10 became fascinated by petroleum exploration while working one of the
11 many summer jobs of his youth; he went on to study petroleum
12 engineering and geology at Texas A&M University, where he graduated
13 first in his class in 1940; his training in A&M's Corps of Cadets
14 led to his service as a captain in the U.S. Army during World War II,
15 and when the war ended, he joined a newly formed wildcatting
16 company, Oil Drilling Inc.; after starting out as a consulting
17 geologist and engineer, he rose to become a partner in the firm and
18 was eventually named president in 1959; under his leadership, the
19 company grew into one of the country's largest independent oil and
20 gas producers; and

21 WHEREAS, During his career, Mr. Mitchell was involved in the
22 drilling of more than 10,000 wells that yielded several hundred oil
23 and gas discoveries; he is best remembered for his experimental and
24 ultimately successful efforts to employ hydraulic fracturing in the

1 Barnett Shale, which ushered in the shale gas revolution and
2 forever transformed the United States energy industry; and

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Mitchell served his profession as a member of
4 the National Petroleum Council and, for three terms, as president
5 of the Texas Independent Producers and Royalty Owners Association;
6 he was also a director of the Gas Research Institute and a member of
7 the World Resources Institute Council; along the way, he strongly
8 supported the National Academy of Sciences in promoting
9 sustainability practices, and he provided endowments to further the
10 sustainability goals of the Houston Advanced Research Center and
11 other institutions; and

12 WHEREAS, George P. Mitchell is recognized today as the father
13 of one of the most significant technological innovations of the
14 21st century, and his myriad achievements over the course of his
15 life have distinguished him among his peers and rightfully earned
16 him a place among the industry greats who are enshrined in the
17 Petroleum Hall of Fame; now, therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the 86th Legislature of the State of Texas
19 hereby honor the memory of George P. Mitchell on the occasion of his
20 posthumous induction into the Petroleum Hall of Fame and pay
21 tribute to him for his remarkable life and legacy; and, be it
22 further

23 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
24 prepared for Mr. Mitchell's family as an expression of high regard
25 by the Texas House of Representatives and Senate.