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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The life of a respected innovator in the petroleum  
2 industry drew to a close with the passing of J. G. Savins on January  
3 11, 2019, at the age of 93; and

4           WHEREAS, The son of an army serviceman, George Savins was  
5 born on August 15, 1925, at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, to Sergeant George  
6 Francis Savins and Herlinda Savins; as a teenager, he was forced to  
7 evacuate from Oahu, Hawaii, as World War II reached the island and  
8 the Battle of Midway loomed, and he went on to join the fight  
9 himself following his graduation from Martin High School in Laredo  
10 in 1943; he served as a member of the 658th Field Artillery  
11 Battalion in Germany and England, and after returning home, he  
12 earned his bachelor's degree in chemistry from Texas A&M  
13 University; and

14           WHEREAS, Mr. Savins went to work as a junior chemist at  
15 Magnolia Petroleum Company's Field Research Laboratory in  
16 Duncanville in 1949, and a year later, he married his college  
17 sweetheart, Jeannette Hastings; the couple shared nearly 55 years  
18 of marriage until her passing, and they were blessed with 7 sons,  
19 George, Michael, James, Matthew, Richard, Tim, and Eric, along with  
20 19 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren; and

21           WHEREAS, During the Korean War, Mr. Savins joined the local  
22 U.S. Army Reserve unit of the Chemical Corps along with other Field  
23 Research Laboratory chemists and engineers, and he was commissioned  
24 a second lieutenant; over the course of his career at home, he made

1 numerous contributions to the development and improvement of  
2 drilling technologies, particularly with regard to the enhancement  
3 of drilling fluids used in oil exploration; his diverse research  
4 interests led to his receiving 12 international and 31 U.S. patents  
5 and producing 36 publications, and he also organized and co-chaired  
6 symposia, conferences, and sessions on a variety of petroleum  
7 engineering topics; and

8         WHEREAS, After retiring from Mobil Research and Development  
9 in 1985, Mr. Savins worked as a research associate for The  
10 University of Texas Balcones Research Center, and he later served  
11 as a technical consultant to the R&E Group at NL Baroid in Houston;  
12 in 2010, he was inducted by the American Association of Drilling  
13 Engineers into its Drilling Fluids Hall of Fame; and

14         WHEREAS, George Savins was a man of uncommon intellect and  
15 ingenuity, and he leaves behind a record of achievement that his  
16 loved ones can remember with pride; now, therefore, be it

17         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas  
18 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of J. G. Savins and  
19 extend sincere sympathy to his family and friends; and, be it  
20 further

21         RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
22 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
23 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of J. G.  
24 Savins.