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H.C.R. No. 81

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Paul L. Morris is being inducted into the Petroleum
2 Hall of Fame on April 29, 2021; and

3 WHEREAS, Headquartered at the Petroleum Museum in Midland,
4 the Petroleum Hall of Fame honors professionals who have made
5 outstanding contributions to the petroleum industry and those who
6 have set worthy examples of exemplary service, good character, and
7 high achievement; and

8 WHEREAS, Paul Morris was raised in West Virginia and began
9 his career with Hope Natural Gas while attending the University of
10 Cincinnati; after graduation, he joined Columbia Gas System Service
11 Corporation; he worked in Delaware and became manager of Columbia
12 LNG Corporation in 1976; a subsequent promotion to vice president
13 of exploration and production took him to Houston; and

14 WHEREAS, In 1981, Mr. Morris relocated to Midland for a new
15 position as chief executive officer of Banner Energy; he was hired
16 by Wagner and Brown in 1988, and he became chief executive officer
17 six years later; under his leadership, the company completed nearly
18 600 wells across Texas and Oklahoma and in the United Kingdom and
19 Australia; and

20 WHEREAS, Mr. Morris co-founded Elk River Resources in 2013;
21 he served as CEO until 2019, when he stepped into his current role
22 as senior advisor to the board; and

23 WHEREAS, A longtime leader in his field, Paul Morris has
24 distinguished himself in the Lone Star State and beyond through his

1 vision, expertise, and business acumen, and he is indeed deserving
2 of this prestigious honor; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the 87th Legislature of the State of Texas
4 hereby congratulate Paul L. Morris on his induction into the
5 Petroleum Hall of Fame and extend to him sincere best wishes for the
6 future; and, be it further

7 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
8 prepared for Mr. Morris as an expression of high regard by the Texas
9 House of Representatives and Senate.