

By: Craddick

H.C.R. No. 17

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Sharla and Bart Hotchkiss received a Judge Pat  
2 Baskin Family Volunteer of the Year Award at the Beacon Awards  
3 Luncheon on September 26, 2023; and

4 WHEREAS, The Beacon Awards honor excellence in Permian Basin  
5 nonprofit organizations by recognizing volunteers and staff of the  
6 local nonprofit sector; the Judge Pat Baskin Family Volunteer of  
7 the Year Award is presented annually to both an adult and youth  
8 volunteer in the Midland County community; and

9 WHEREAS, Fitting recipients of the award, Sharla and Bart  
10 Hotchkiss moved to Midland in 1971, and together they began  
11 volunteering with their church, local schools, and myriad  
12 organizations ranging from the Junior League of Midland and the  
13 Museum of the Southwest to Hospice of Midland and the Permian Basin  
14 Regional Planning Commission; they both served on the Midland City  
15 Council, including respective tenures as mayor pro tempore, and  
16 they each chaired the Midland Planning and Zoning Commission; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Hotchkiss has further contributed to the  
18 community as chair of the Parks and Recreation Commission and as a  
19 member of the Oil and Gas Advisory Committee; meanwhile,  
20 Mrs. Hotchkiss has served as executive director of Keep Midland  
21 Beautiful and as president of Keep Texas Beautiful, and she helped  
22 craft the last two city comprehensive plans and served on the Texas  
23 Workforce Investment Council; she has been recognized for her  
24 exceptional endeavors with the Lady Bird Johnson Award; and

1           WHEREAS, The couple have also played an important role in the  
2 Midland business community as the owners of Murray's Deli; and

3           WHEREAS, Inspiring others through their exemplary civic  
4 engagement, Mr. and Mrs. Hotchkiss have made a lasting, positive  
5 difference in their community, and they are indeed deserving of  
6 this most recent honor; now, therefore, be it

7           RESOLVED, That the 88th Legislature of the State of Texas,  
8 3rd Called Session, hereby congratulate Sharla and Bart Hotchkiss  
9 on their receipt of a 2023 Judge Pat Baskin Family Volunteer of the  
10 Year Award and extend to them sincere best wishes for the future;  
11 and, be it further

12           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
13 prepared for the couple as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
14 House of Representatives and Senate.