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H.C.R. No. 25

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The life of an esteemed oilman drew to a close with
2 the passing of James C. Henry of Midland on October 17, 2023, at the
3 age of 89; and

4 WHEREAS, Jim Henry was born on September 23, 1934, to James
5 S. and Muriel Henry in Andagoya, Colombia; his family returned to
6 the U.S., and he graduated from high school in Oklahoma City,
7 Oklahoma; he earned bachelor's and master's degrees in petroleum
8 engineering from the University of Oklahoma and then served in the
9 U.S. Air Force with the Propulsion Research Laboratory at
10 Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Ohio, rising to the rank of
11 captain; and

12 WHEREAS, Embarking on his career, Mr. Henry worked for the
13 Humble Oil and Refining Company, the Skelly Oil Company, and the
14 Solar Oil Company in Midland before cofounding H&L Consultants in
15 1969 with Bob Landenberger; they went on to form Henry &
16 Landenberger, Inc.; the company became known as Henry Petroleum
17 Corp., and Mr. Henry served as CEO before it was sold to Concho
18 Resources in 2008; he next started Henry Resources; and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Henry founded the Forum for Exploration,
20 Production and Acquisition, the Independent Petroleum Association
21 of America, and the Applied Petroleum Technology Academy, and he
22 belonged to the Society of Petroleum Engineers and the board of the
23 Permian Basin Petroleum Association; he was the inaugural recipient
24 of the Texas Public Policy Foundation Sam Houston Award, and his

1 other accolades included the Top Pioneer and Lifetime Achievement
2 Awards from the Permian Basin Petroleum Pioneers as well as the
3 Midland Ethics in Business award; deeply dedicated to the
4 betterment of his community, he contributed his time and talents to
5 numerous local organizations, among them Casa de Amigos, Midland
6 Need to Read, and Midland YMCA; and

7 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Mr. Henry enjoyed the love and
8 support of his wife of 59 years, Paula, and he took great pride in
9 his children, Jamie, Beverly, and David, as well as his 12
10 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren; a man of faith, he was an
11 active member of First Methodist Church; and

12 WHEREAS, Although Jim Henry is deeply missed, memories of his
13 integrity, his generosity, and his warm and joyful nature remain to
14 comfort and inspire those he leaves behind; now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the 88th Legislature of the State of Texas,
16 3rd Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of
17 James C. Henry and extend heartfelt sympathy to the members of his
18 family: to his wife, Paula Henry; to his sisters, Virginia Smith and
19 Rosemary Graham; to his daughters, Jamie Henry and Beverly Kelly;
20 to his son, David Henry; to his grandchildren, Brittany, Hope,
21 Justin, Dylan, Bryce, Isabel, Sophie, Austin, Wyatt, Avery, Lexi,
22 and Heather; to his great-grandchildren, Opal, Nova, and Oliver
23 James; and to his other relatives and friends; and, be it further

24 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
25 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
26 Representatives and Senate adjourn this day, they do so in memory of
27 Jim Henry.