

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 11

WHEREAS, Discovery Operating, Inc. of Midland is celebrating the 50th anniversary of its founding in 1973; and

WHEREAS, The business was established by Don Luther Sparks and former Midland mayor Ernest E. Angelo Jr. to explore, find, and produce oil and gas; and

WHEREAS, Today, Discovery employs more than 30 full-time employees, operating approximately 300 wells within 300 to 400 miles of Midland; the company's operated production totals 14,000 barrels of oil per day and 30,000 MCF of natural gas per day; and

WHEREAS, Through the years, the company's leadership has demonstrated its commitment to the community and industry through community initiatives, elected office, and important roles in such institutions as the American Association of Drilling Engineers, the Independent Petroleum Association of America, the National Society of Petroleum Engineers, the Permian Basin Petroleum Association, and the Texas Alliance of Energy Producers; and

WHEREAS, The contributions of Don and Gwyndolyn Sparks, in addition to those of many dedicated individuals, have grown Discovery into a thriving family operation, involving three generations of Sparks family members; and

WHEREAS, Discovery Operating has made significant contributions to the Permian Basin over the course of its 50-year history, and it stands as an inspiring example of the success that can be realized by hardworking, visionary entrepreneurs in the Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 88th Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby congratulate Discovery Operating, Inc. on its semicentennial and extend to all those associated with the company sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this Resolution be prepared for Discovery Operating, Inc. as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

Sparks

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on October 12, 2023.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate