

By: Sparks

S.R. No. 11

R E S O L U T I O N

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 Star State; now, therefore, be it

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

7 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
8 prepared for Discovery Operating, Inc. as an expression of high
9 regard by the Texas Senate.