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H.C.R. No. 44

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Autry C. Stephens is being posthumously inducted  
2 into the Petroleum Hall of Fame on April 10, 2025; and

3 WHEREAS, Established in 1967 by the Permian Basin Petroleum  
4 Museum in Midland, the Petroleum Hall of Fame recognizes  
5 individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the  
6 development of the petroleum industry or have served as inspiring  
7 examples to those in the industry; and

8 WHEREAS, Autry Stephens was born in Comanche County in 1938;  
9 he earned both his bachelor's and master's degrees in petroleum  
10 engineering from The University of Texas at Austin, and after  
11 working with various oil companies, he founded a sole  
12 proprietorship in 1979, which transformed into Endeavor Energy  
13 Resources, LP, in 2000; under his leadership, the company grew to  
14 become one of the largest private oil and gas operators in the  
15 Permian Basin; known for fostering a culture of innovation within  
16 the industry, Mr. Stephens pioneered techniques for maximizing  
17 production; moreover, he was an active philanthropist until his  
18 passing in 2024, and his company supported such organizations as  
19 Habitat for Humanity and the Museum of the Southwest; and

20 WHEREAS, Through his tremendous vision, energy, and business  
21 acumen, Autry Stephens achieved a rare degree of success in the  
22 dynamic oil and gas industry, and he is indeed a worthy addition to  
23 the Petroleum Hall of Fame; now, therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, That the 89th Legislature of the State of Texas

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1 hereby honor the memory of Autry C. Stephens on the occasion of his  
2 posthumous induction into the Petroleum Hall of Fame and pay  
3 tribute to his life and legacy; and, be it further

4         RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
5 prepared for his family as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
6 House of Representatives and Senate.