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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Myra Brown Robinson of Big Spring is being inducted into the Petroleum Hall of Fame on April 14, 2005, at the Petroleum Museum in Midland; and

WHEREAS, The Petroleum Hall of Fame recognizes individuals who have made significant contributions to the development of the petroleum industry and impacted their communities through civic and social involvement; and

WHEREAS, Myra Brown Robinson was born in Fort Worth in 1919 to Flora and John Brown and lived on the Triangle Ranch in Mitchell County until she reached school age and moved to Colorado City; she graduated from Colorado High School in 1937 and attended the University of California at Los Angeles before returning home to work for the U.S. Department of Agriculture; in 1942, she married G. R. "Bob" Robinson, who founded the Robinson Drilling Company in 1947 with his father, Glenn Robinson, and Mrs. Robinson as bookkeeper and payroll clerk; the family business developed leases in Scurry, Mitchell, and Garza Counties and moved its headquarters to Big Spring in 1966; and

WHEREAS, After her husband's untimely death in 1972, Mrs. Robinson quickly learned all aspects of the business and took over the company operations; she became one of the few women in the country to lead a drilling company, and for more than 30 years, she has kept up with changing technology, upgrading from nitroglycerin shoots to 3-D seismic operations; now known as Robinson Drilling of

Texas, the company has drilled more than 1,500 wells totaling over 13 million feet under her direction; and

WHEREAS, Today, Mrs. Robinson is known for her energetic leadership, strong character, fiscal responsibility, and unwavering loyalty to her employees; she was the first woman selected by the Permian Basin Petroleum Association for its Top Hand Award, representing a lifetime of personal and professional achievement; her commitment to her community has been amply demonstrated by her service as an elder of Big Spring's First Presbyterian Church, as a board member of the Salvation Army, Schreiner College, Presbyterian Church Foundation, and Texas Presbyterian Foundation, and as a member of the Petroleum Museum, Samaritan Counseling Center, and Howard College Foundation; she has also been named Big Spring's Woman of the Year and received the Samaritan Counseling Center's Ethics in Business Award; and

WHEREAS, The beloved mother of our esteemed colleague, Representative Myra Crownover, Myra Brown Robinson holds the distinction of being only the second woman ever elected to the Petroleum Hall of Fame; her achievements as an industry and community leader have distinguished her among the members of her profession, and she is indeed deserving of this prestigious award; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas Legislature hereby congratulate Myra Brown Robinson on her induction into the Petroleum Hall of Fame and commend her for her outstanding professional accomplishments and civic contributions; and, be it further

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RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be prepared for Mrs. Robinson as an expression of high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 843 was adopted by the House on March 31, 2005, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House