

## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1           WHEREAS, The Permian Basin Petroleum Association is honoring  
2 Thomas Clark Brown of Midland with its 2004 Top Hand Award, given  
3 for outstanding achievement and for contributions to the industry  
4 and the community; and

5           WHEREAS, Deeply respected and admired in his profession, Mr.  
6 Brown owns the highly successful oil and gas company, Tom Brown,  
7 Inc.; originally founded half a century ago as Tom Brown Drilling  
8 Company, this notable firm holds the distinction of being one of the  
9 first companies in the Permian Basin to be publicly traded; and

10           WHEREAS, Mr. Brown has long worked to promote the oil  
11 industry of West Texas, and he has been an active member of the  
12 Independent Petroleum Association of America, the International  
13 Association of Drilling Contractors, and the Texas Research League;  
14 he has also given generously of his time to the Midland College  
15 Board of Trustees and the West Texas Boys Ranch; and

16           WHEREAS, This esteemed businessman has been accorded a host  
17 of honors for his accomplishments, including the Texas Railroad  
18 Commission Pioneer Award and the prestigious Hearst Newspapers  
19 Lifetime Achievement Award; over the years, he has been supported  
20 in every endeavor by Sammie Angela Brown, his wife of more than 15  
21 years, and their children, Thomas C. Brown, Jr., Mackey Brown, and  
22 Nancy Spadafora; and

23           WHEREAS, A leader of tremendous dedication and vision, Tom  
24 Brown has set an inspiring example of integrity and professional

1 excellence in his industry, and it is a pleasure to join in  
2 celebrating his latest achievement; now, therefore, be it

3       RESOLVED, That the 79th Legislature of the State of Texas  
4 hereby congratulate Thomas Clark Brown on being named Top Hand by  
5 the Permian Basin Petroleum Association; and, be it further

6       RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
7 prepared for Mr. Brown as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
8 House of Representatives and Senate.

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David Dewhurst

President of the Senate

Tom Carper

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 23 was adopted by the House on January 13, 2005, by a non-record vote.

Robert Honey

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 23 was adopted by the Senate on January 26, 2005, by a viva-voce vote.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Governor

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