

109TH CONGRESS
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H. RES. 407

Recognizing the 75th anniversary of the discovery of the East Texas Oil Field on October 3, 1930, and the 25th anniversary of the East Texas Oil Museum.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 28, 2005

Mr. GOHMERT submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

RESOLUTION

Recognizing the 75th anniversary of the discovery of the East Texas Oil Field on October 3, 1930, and the 25th anniversary of the East Texas Oil Museum.

Whereas October 3 in the year of our Lord 2005, is a day that will serve as a celebration and remembrance by East Texans;

Whereas the major oil companies had given up on finding significant quantities of oil in East Texas and had attempted drilling several wells dating back to 1911;

Whereas Columbus Marion “Dad” Joiner, former legislator turned wildcatter, had an incredible entrepreneur vision and dream of finding the world’s largest oil field in East Texas;

Whereas “Dad” Joiner brought in Daisy Bradford No. 3 on October 3, 1930, in the Woodbine sands of Rusk County, unleashing a flow encompassing an area measuring over 400 square miles and amassing five counties, the single largest reserve within the United States boundaries;

Whereas the East Texas Oil Field was instrumental in supporting the Allied forces during World War II, paving the road for success and defeat of the Axis powers;

Whereas the gushing success in East Texas helped establish many towns and communities that are alive and well today, still thriving with thousands of East Texans who are benefactors of the reality of discovery;

Whereas the East Texas Oil Field has produced over 5 billion barrels of oil with a possible 1 billion barrels yet to be recovered that would ensure future economic development and stability for the region;

Whereas the Placid Oil Company and the children of the late H.L. Hunt generously established the East Texas Oil Museum in Kilgore, a virtual educational experience highlighted by “Boomtown” that preserves the heritage and history of, and honors the development of, East Texas on this its silver anniversary; and

Whereas in the year of our Lord 2005, this the 75th (diamond) anniversary of the discovery of oil in East Texas, marked by the impact of our forefathers and pioneers in the industry, celebrated from White Oak’s “Roughneck Days” to Kilgore’s “Derrick Festival” and “Gusher Days” in Gladewater: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—
- 2 (1) recognizes the 25th anniversary of the East
- 3 Texas Oil Museum in Kilgore, Texas, established by

1 the family of the late Mr. H.L. Hunt and the Placid
2 Oil Company;

3 (2) honors the pioneers and developers of dis-
4 covery in the Oil Fields of East Texas, including the
5 thousands in the fields who assured our country eco-
6 nomic prosperity and success during the second
7 World War; and

8 (3) offers East Texans our sincere wishes on
9 this memorial event in their storied history.

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