

1 his employees and showed tremendous kindness to them through the
2 years; and

3 WHEREAS, Highly engaged in civic life, Mr. Smith was active
4 in the local Republican Party, managing and advising campaigns for
5 office; in addition, he served several terms on the city planning
6 commission and gave generously of his time and talents to
7 worthwhile organizations, including Historic Tyler and the Order of
8 the Rose; he led a group that championed the preservation of the
9 trees along South Broadway Avenue, and he was a founding member of
10 the city Crime Stoppers board; moreover, he served on the board of
11 the Salvation Army of Tyler and several other nonprofits; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Smith married the love of his life, Dominique
13 Cronin, in 1983, and they became the proud parents of a daughter,
14 Désirée, and a son, Wyatt; devoted to his children, Mr. Smith
15 instilled strong values in them during long and meaningful
16 conversations, and he shared his great love of history on family
17 trips around the world; in recent years, he found joy in precious
18 moments with his treasured granddaughters, Christine and Victoria;
19 he was a longtime member of Christ Episcopal Church and liked to
20 discuss religion and sing hymns, though his volume was perhaps more
21 commendable than his pitch; his gregarious, larger-than-life
22 personality brought him myriad friendships, and he also found time
23 to read voraciously; cherishing traditions of all kinds, he
24 delighted in immutable holiday menus, Tuesday night poker games,
25 and his annual St. Patrick's Day extravaganza, and he was loyal to
26 the Dallas Cowboys, the New York Yankees, and his alma mater, R. L.
27 Paschal High School; and

1 WHEREAS, Although the death of Michael Smith has brought
2 great sorrow to those who loved him, they will continue to find
3 inspiration in his warmth, generosity, and dedication to his
4 family, his faith, and his community; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the 87th Legislature of the State of Texas
6 hereby pay tribute to the memory of Michael Phillip Smith and extend
7 sincere sympathy to all who mourn his passing; and, be it further

8 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
9 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
10 Representatives and Senate adjourn this day, they do so in memory of
11 Michael Smith.