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H.R. No. 4

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The family and friends of the Reverend Marion
2 Burleson Smith of Pampa were deeply saddened by the passing of this
3 esteemed clergyman on June 14, 2003, at the age of 88; and

4 WHEREAS, Born on December 28, 1914, in Richland Springs,
5 Reverend Smith graduated from Howard Payne College in 1936; he
6 taught school and coached at several central Texas schools before
7 entering the gospel ministry in 1942; and

8 WHEREAS, Reverend Smith served congregations in Agua Dulce,
9 Calallen, and Marble Falls and then moved to the Texas Panhandle,
10 where he led the First Baptist Church of Wheeler, Highland Baptist
11 Church of Pampa, Alanreed Baptist Church, and College Baptist
12 Church of Big Spring; over the years, Reverend Smith played a
13 pivotal role in many family milestones, performing 1,191 funerals,
14 858 weddings, and 421 baptisms during his ministerial career; and

15 WHEREAS, In the Pampa area, Reverend Smith taught science at
16 Pampa High School and Clarendon College-Pampa Center and served as
17 interim pastor for many local Baptist churches; and

18 WHEREAS, A devoted husband and family man who demonstrated
19 strong faith and dedication in his spiritual work, Reverend Smith
20 positively influenced the lives of many of his fellow Texans, and
21 his memory will not soon be forgotten; now, therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
23 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of
24 the Reverend Marion Burleson Smith and extend deepest sympathy to

1 the members of his family: to his wife, Laura B. Smith; to his
2 daughters and their spouses, Sylvia and Leo Shuler and Marilyn and
3 Rex Whitaker; to his sons and their spouses, Philip and Jane Smith,
4 David Smith, and Herbert and Lynn Smith; to his grandchildren,
5 Lucretia Davis, Mike Lee, Melanie Gates, Brent Lee, Lori Barnes,
6 Lisa Osborne, Mark Whitaker, Kristi Whitaker, Jennifer Scogin,
7 Emily Stephen, Nathan Smith, Courtney Pederson, Jonathan Smith, and
8 Jared Smith; to his 28 great-grandchildren and two
9 great-great-grandchildren; and to his other relatives and many
10 friends; and, be it further

11 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
12 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
13 Representatives adjourns on this day, it do so in memory of the
14 Reverend Marion Burlleson Smith.