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H.R. No. 27

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The State of Texas lost an esteemed citizen with the
2 passing of the Honorable E. Carlyle Smith, Jr., of Grand Prairie on
3 June 29, 2003, at the age of 64; and

4 WHEREAS, A successful architect who also devoted enormous
5 time and energy to public service, Mr. Smith was born in Corpus
6 Christi on March 12, 1939, and raised in Grand Prairie; he graduated
7 from Grand Prairie High School in 1957 after serving as president of
8 the student council and winning acclaim in several sports,
9 including all-state honors in basketball; and

10 WHEREAS, He continued to excel at Texas Tech University, from
11 which he graduated in 1962 with bachelor's degrees in architecture
12 and civil engineering; during his years on campus he served as
13 president of the student body and of Sigma Chi Fraternity, lettered
14 in basketball, was a member of the Saddle Tramps, and was inducted
15 into several honorary academic societies; and

16 WHEREAS, After completing college, Mr. Smith returned to
17 Grand Prairie and joined the architectural firm of Smith and
18 Warder, Architects and Engineers, which had been cofounded by his
19 father in 1947; the first suburban architectural team in Dallas
20 County, the company did work not only in Texas but also in Oklahoma
21 and North and South Carolina; when the business closed at the time
22 of Mr. Smith's retirement in 2002, it was one of the oldest
23 continually operating architectural firms in Texas; and

24 WHEREAS, Mr. Smith became active in the Democratic Party in

1 the early 1960s and served from 1976 to 1987 in the Texas House of
2 Representatives; during his tenure in the legislature he served as
3 vice chairman of the insurance, human services, and environmental
4 affairs committees and was a member of the appropriations
5 committee, as well as the Governor's Task Force on Social Services;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, Imbued with a deep sense of civic responsibility, he
8 gave unstintingly of his time and energies to a wide array of
9 community organizations; chairman of the Parkland Hospital
10 Foundation and vice chairman of the Parkland Hospital Board of
11 Managers, he also chaired the Dallas County Open Space Board and
12 served as vice chairman of the Dallas County Grand Jury; and

13 WHEREAS, In addition, he held leadership positions in the
14 Community Concerts Association, YMCA, Circle 1.0 Council of the Boy
15 Scouts of America, boys' baseball, Grand Prairie Rotary Club, and
16 Grand Prairie Jaycees; he served as director and chairman of the
17 audit committee of Midway National Bank and rendered further
18 service to Texas Tech as chairman of both its Civil Engineering
19 Advisory Council and Civil Engineering Academy; and

20 WHEREAS, A host of accolades attest to the high regard in
21 which this outstanding Texan was held; Texas Tech conferred on him
22 its Distinguished Engineer Award and inducted him into its Civil
23 Engineering Academy; other tributes included awards from Lions
24 International, the Order of DeMolay, the Grand Prairie High School
25 Alumni Association, and the Grand Prairie Chamber of Commerce,
26 Rotary Club, and Jaycees; and

27 WHEREAS, Mr. Smith achieved the rank of 33rd Degree Scottish

1 Rite Mason and took an active part in the masonic fellowship; the
2 congregation of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church knew him as a
3 faithful parishioner, whose service to the church included several
4 terms as a vestryman and as senior warden; and

5 WHEREAS, The bright promise of this gentleman's youth was
6 richly fulfilled through his remarkable professional and civic
7 endeavors, and the blessing of his life will be forever treasured by
8 all who were privileged to know him; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
10 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby pay special tribute to the
11 life of E. Carlyle Smith, Jr., and extend sincere sympathy to the
12 members of his family: to his wife of 41 years, Ouida Daugherty
13 Smith; to his brothers and sister-in-law, Stan Smith and Steve and
14 Alice Smith; and to his other relatives and many friends; and, be it
15 further

16 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
17 prepared for his family, and that when the Texas House of
18 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of E. Carlyle
19 Smith, Jr.