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H.R. No. 115

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The passing of Ross Brady Smiley of Mission on
2 August 15, 2003, at the age of 88, has deeply saddened his family
3 and many friends; and

4 WHEREAS, A native of Rosalie, where he was born on September
5 16, 1914, he moved to Mission 66 years ago to work with Halliburton
6 oil company; Mr. Smiley developed a passion for agriculture that
7 led him to embark on dual careers as farmer and salesman for John
8 Deere before founding Smiley Grove Care in 1965; and

9 WHEREAS, Said by some to represent the true spirit of the Rio
10 Grande Valley, this successful businessman was known for treating
11 his employees with respect and for his abiding joy in working the
12 land, and his commitment to his chosen vocation was recognized when
13 he was awarded the title "King Citrus" and named the recipient of
14 the Texas Citrus Mutual Award; and

15 WHEREAS, Richly blessed with a close-knit circle of loved
16 ones, Mr. Smiley enjoyed a rewarding relationship with his wife of
17 65 years, Kathryn, and their two daughters, Kathy and Martha; and

18 WHEREAS, His generosity and strong faith led Mr. Smiley to
19 volunteer his time and resources for various civic endeavors and to
20 hold several positions of leadership within his church; he served
21 as president of the Mission Chamber of Commerce and Texas Citrus
22 Mutual and was appointed to serve on the advisory board of Texas A&M
23 University--Kingsville; moreover, during his 58-year membership
24 with the Lions Club, he led District 5 as deputy district governor

1 and was president of his chapter, which he represented at an
2 international convention held in Nice, France; and

3 WHEREAS, During his lifetime, this highly regarded gentleman
4 was presented with a Melvin Jones Fellow Award for Dedicated
5 Humanitarian Services by the Lions Club and a Jack Wiech Fellow
6 Award for his commitment to the children of the Texas Lions Camp;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, Those who were privileged to know Ross Smiley will
9 long miss his leadership, gentle spirit, and kindness toward
10 others, and his memory will surely live on for many years to come in
11 the hearts and minds of those whose lives he touched; now,
12 therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
14 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the memory
15 of Ross Brady Smiley and extend sincere sympathy to his family and
16 to all those who mourn the passing of this beloved man; and, be it
17 further

18 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
19 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
20 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Ross Brady
21 Smiley.