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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Howdy Smith of Weslaco truly merits special
2 recognition for the many contributions he has made to the
3 betterment of his community through his extensive volunteer
4 activities; and

5 WHEREAS, This dedicated model citizen began his volunteering
6 efforts in Alaska, where he taught school for 32 years; despite his
7 busy professional life, Mr. Smith found time to volunteer with a
8 number of area senior citizen programs, including the Federation of
9 the Blind, which operated a fleet of small buses to transport senior
10 citizens and disabled persons; and

11 WHEREAS, After Mr. Smith retired, he moved to Weslaco in the
12 early 1990s and continued his tradition of community volunteerism
13 by giving generously of his time to Amigos del Valle, which
14 administers comprehensive human services to the elderly of the
15 lower Rio Grande Valley; during his five years of service to that
16 worthy organization, Mr. Smith helped organize dances and other
17 activities for area senior citizens; and

18 WHEREAS, Now serving as the president of the Weslaco parks
19 and recreation board, this dynamic 76-year-old spends most of his
20 time volunteering for activities sponsored by that department,
21 including the Texas Senior Games; with more than 35 events ranging
22 from horseshoes to dominoes, the popular Senior Games offer
23 residents 50 and older numerous opportunities for recreation,
24 exercise, and social interaction; and

1 WHEREAS, Howdy Smith's fine example of community spirit and
2 volunteerism is an inspiration to all Texans, and his commitment to
3 improving the quality of life for countless senior citizens in
4 South Texas has earned him the enduring respect and admiration of
5 all who are privileged to know him; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
7 Legislature, 4th Called Session, hereby honor Howdy Smith for his
8 noteworthy contributions to the people of his community; and, be it
9 further

10 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
11 prepared for Mr. Smith as an expression of high regard by the Texas
12 House of Representatives.