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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, James Allan Smith is concluding an outstanding 2 career dedicated to educational excellence with his June 6, 2003, 3 retirement as superintendent of the Robinson Independent School 4 District; and

5 WHEREAS, An alumnus of Tarleton State College and Prairie 6 View A&M University, Mr. Smith holds a bachelor of arts degree and a 7 master's degree in educational administration as well as 8 midmanagement and superintendent certification; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Smith has devoted his considerable talents to 9 the betterment of the Robinson ISD for 33 years; he began his career 10 11 as a teacher and coach, later served as assistant principal, 12 transportation director, and principal, and since 1990 has guided 13 the district as superintendent; under his able leadership, the 14 district has attained an "exemplary" rating from the Texas Education Agency and given its students a strong foundation on 15 which to build; and 16

WHEREAS, Mr. Smith has also been involved with educational 17 18 programs and policies that reach outside the district; he served as regional deputy director of the Equity Center, chaired the District 19 17AAA UIL Executive Committee, was a member of the Governance Board 20 21 of the McLennan County Challenge Academy, and further distinguished 22 himself on the task force of the Texas Tech University/Baylor University Partnership for the Professional Development of 23 Teachers and as a valued member of a number of other educational 24

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1 organizations; and

WHEREAS, An active reserve deputy sheriff with the McLennan 2 1980, this 3 County Sheriff's Department since civic-minded 4 individual has participated in a host of local groups, including 5 the Greater Robinson Chamber of Commerce, the Robinson Economic 6 Development Committee, Meadowbrook Baptist Church, and the Safe 7 Communities Coalition, to name but a few; and

8 WHEREAS, In honor of his commitment and professionalism, the 9 Robinson High School Chapter of the National Honor Society was 10 renamed the James A. Smith Chapter in 1990, and Mr. Smith was named 11 the recipient of a 2001-2002 Community Service Award from the 12 Greater Robinson Chamber of Commerce; and

13 WHEREAS, Throughout his career, James Smith has set high 14 standards to which all educators and administrators may aspire, and 15 his myriad contributions to the Robinson ISD will not soon be 16 forgotten; now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the 78th Legislature of the State of Texas 18 hereby commend James Allan Smith for his exceptional career with 19 the Robinson Independent School District and extend to him sincere 20 best wishes for a happy and rewarding retirement; and, be it further

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

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President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 87 was adopted by the House on March 12, 2003, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 87 was adopted by the Senate on March 24, 2003, by a viva-voce vote.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor