

By: McClendon

H.R. No. 150

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, San Antonio's Ira Smith, Jr., has been named an  
2 Outstanding Texan by the Texas Legislative Black Caucus for his  
3 longtime dedication to supporting his community; and

4           WHEREAS, The Outstanding Texan Award was created to honor  
5 individuals who have demonstrated an unwavering commitment to  
6 improving, developing, and enriching the lives of others; and

7           WHEREAS, A graduate of St. Mary's University, Mr. Smith  
8 retired from the City of San Antonio as director of central services  
9 on June 1, 1998; he holds numerous leadership positions, most  
10 notably president of 100 Black Men of San Antonio, Inc., an  
11 organization devoted to four core issues: mentoring, education,  
12 health and wellness, and economic development; and

13           WHEREAS, Members of this organization have dedicated  
14 themselves to helping students at Martin Luther King Middle School  
15 by focusing on these four areas of development, and Mr. Smith has  
16 provided visionary leadership in that pursuit; and

17           WHEREAS, In addition to performing his duties as president of  
18 100 Black Men of San Antonio, Inc., Mr. Smith serves on several  
19 notable committees and boards, including the Center for Health Care  
20 Services' Board of Trustees and the Methodist Hospital Community  
21 Board; he is also chairman of the Long Range Planning Committee for  
22 Methodist Healthcare Ministries; and

23           WHEREAS, Mr. Smith's record of volunteer service is truly  
24 remarkable; he is a former chairman of the United Way of Texas Board

1 of Trustees, the Bexar County Mental Health/Mental Retardation  
2 Center's Board of Trustees, and the Southeast Mental Health/Mental  
3 Retardation Advisory Committee; he has also served on the Goodwill  
4 Industries Board of Trustees, the Drug Abuse Central Board of  
5 Directors, and the YMCA Board of Directors; and

6 WHEREAS, Ira Smith, Jr., is an inspiration to all who know  
7 him, and it is a privilege to pay tribute to this River City  
8 resident and to recognize him as an Outstanding Texan; now,  
9 therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas  
11 Legislature hereby congratulate Ira Smith, Jr., on his selection as  
12 an Outstanding Texan by the Texas Legislative Black Caucus and  
13 commend him for his longtime record of public service; and, be it  
14 further

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