

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, January 7, 2003 marked the ninth anniversary of the
2 death of Ed B. Smith, whose passing in 1994, at the age of 85, deeply
3 saddened his family and many friends; and

4 WHEREAS, A native Texan, he was born on May 3, 1908, in
5 Bertram, and with his parents and eight siblings soon moved to a
6 South Texas farm in what was one of the most prolific cotton and
7 vegetable farming areas in the nation; he attended Robstown High
8 School, where he was known for his athletic prowess as a member of
9 the Robstown Cotton Pickers football team that made it to state
10 championship level; and

11 WHEREAS, Not long after enrolling at Texas A&I College on a
12 football scholarship, Mr. Smith broke his collarbone in an
13 accident, which caused him to leave school to seek employment; and

14 WHEREAS, He met his future bride, the former Cecilia
15 McPherson, in Houston; through the years, their close and enduring
16 relationship was blessed with two cherished sons, Edward and Gary
17 Smith, and Mr. Smith took great pleasure in being a father and a
18 grandfather; and

19 WHEREAS, He joined the staff of Walter A. Smith Paving
20 Company, owned by his brother, and held the position of vice
21 president for a number of years; in 1952, he joined the Salvation
22 Baptist Church, where he faithfully served his fellow congregants
23 as a deacon and associate pastor; and

24 WHEREAS, Those who had the good fortune to share the

1 friendship of this fine gentleman will long miss his presence, and
2 he is fondly remembered by all those whose lives he touched; now,
3 therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
5 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Ed B. Smith; and, be
6 it further

7 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
8 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
9 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Ed B.
10 Smith.

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H.R. No. 1097

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1097 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on May 23, 2003.

Chief Clerk of the House