

By: Cook of Colorado

H.R. No. 1554

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, For 50 years, Kenneth Earl Blaschke has been a
2 practicing pharmacist in Smithville, and this native Texan has
3 distinguished himself among his fellow citizens through his
4 dedication and commitment to excellence in this vital profession
5 and as a leader in his community; and

6 WHEREAS, Born in Fayette County on October 16, 1931, Mr.
7 Blaschke attended Schulenburg High School and earned the nickname
8 "Killer" as a member of his high school football team; he pursued
9 his higher education at Blinn College and received his bachelor of
10 pharmacy degree from The University of Texas in 1953; and

11 WHEREAS, A U.S. Army veteran, he served as pharmacy
12 administrator at Fort Sam Houston from 1954 to 1955; the following
13 year, he was united in marriage with the Honorable Renee Dhossche
14 Blaschke, now Mayor of Smithville, with whom he has enjoyed a strong
15 and loving union blessed with three children and five
16 grandchildren; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Blaschke owned and operated Ken's Rexall
18 Pharmacy for 40 years before joining the ranks of the semi-retired;
19 he remains active with Smithville Pharmacy and has enjoyed
20 membership with the American Pharmaceutical Association and the
21 Texas Pharmaceutical Association, the latter of which he served as
22 a member of the board of directors and chairman of the Bylaws
23 Revision Committee; and

24 WHEREAS, Named Knight of the Year in 2000 by the Knights of

1 Columbus, Mr. Blaschke has held numerous leadership positions
2 during his years of service with that exemplary organization; he is
3 a former president of the Smithville Chamber of Commerce, the
4 Smithville Lions Club, and the Smithville Little League, and has
5 served with distinction as a leading member of the Smithville
6 Optimist Club and the Bastrop County Head Start Board, as well as
7 other noteworthy local organizations; and

8 WHEREAS, In 1980, this esteemed gentleman was named
9 Outstanding Citizen by the Smithville Chamber of Commerce, and in
10 1991 the city of Smithville established Ken Blaschke Drive in honor
11 of his many accomplishments and contributions to the citizens of
12 Smithville; and

13 WHEREAS, Five decades of service to a community is truly an
14 admirable achievement, and Kenneth Blaschke continues to inspire
15 those who know him, demonstrating that one person can indeed make a
16 positive difference in the lives of his fellow citizens; now,
17 therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
19 Legislature hereby honor Kenneth Earl Blaschke for his 50 years of
20 service as a pharmacist for the citizens of Smithville and extend to
21 him best wishes for continued success and happiness; and, be it
22 further

23 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
24 prepared for Mr. Blaschke as an expression of high regard by the
25 Texas House of Representatives.