

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 760

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Kenneth Earl Blaschke for his outstanding service to his community, his church, and his profession; and

WHEREAS, Ken Blaschke has been an outstanding civic leader in Smithville and a pharmacist for more than 50 years; he attended Blinn College and graduated from The University of Texas with a bachelor of science degree in pharmacy in 1953, and he served in the United States Army as a pharmacy administrator from 1954 to 1955; and

WHEREAS, In 1956, he married Renee Dhossche, who has been mayor of Smithville since 1998; the couple was blessed with three children, and Mr. Blaschke has been active in the Smithville Chamber of Commerce, the Smithville Lions Club, Little League, the Smithville Optimist Club, Friends of MD Anderson Science Park, and Saint Paul's Catholic Church; and

WHEREAS, The semiretired pharmacist worked for Partains' Pharmacy and Haag Pharmacy in San Antonio, and he owned Ken's Rexall Pharmacy in Smithville for 40 years; and

WHEREAS, A highly respected leader who generously devotes time and energy to civic affairs, Ken served on the board of directors for numerous organizations, including Centex Family Services, the Bastrop County Headstart Program, and the Smithville Independent School District; he is board chairman of the Smithville Housing Authority, and he has been active with the Smithville Police Association and the American Legion Post 1309; and

WHEREAS, He has been a member of the board of directors for the First State Bank in Smithville for 25 years, and he has been active in the Knights of Columbus, Bishop Odin Assembly, and the Knights of Columbus, Father O'Gallagher Council; and

WHEREAS, Over the years, Ken has received numerous accolades for his generous work in the community; he was named Outstanding Citizen by the Smithville Chamber of Commerce, the Boss of the Year by the Smithville Business and Professional Women, the Knight of the Year by the Knights of Columbus, and Outstanding Board Member by the Smithville Housing Authority; the City of Smithville named a street for him, Ken Blaschke Drive, in 1991; and

WHEREAS, An active gardener, he is a life member of Texas Garden Clubs, Incorporated, and the National Garden Clubs, Incorporated; his other interests include woodworking, traveling, and spending time with his grandchildren; and

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WHEREAS, An exemplary Smithville citizen, Ken is a source of strength to others, and his many accomplishments reflect his dedication and his commitment to his fellowman; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 78th Legislature, hereby commend Kenneth Earl Blaschke for his exceptional achievements in his profession and for his outstanding leadership in his community; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for him as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 6, 2003.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate