

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 111

In Memory  
of  
Melvin Donald Smith

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of Cleburne in mourning the loss of Melvin Donald Smith, who died July 8, 2005, at the age of 78; and

**WHEREAS**, Don was born August 22, 1926, to Perry Smith and Fanny Herblein Smith in Elbert, Texas; after serving in the Army Air Corps in World War II, he attended Weatherford Junior College and Texas Wesleyan College, where he earned a bachelor's degree in science; he received a master's degree in education from Texas Christian University; and

**WHEREAS**, An energetic advocate of education, Don Smith began his teaching and coaching career in Granbury in 1950 and rose to the position of high school principal; and

**WHEREAS**, He continued his career in Jacksboro, serving first as a principal and then as a superintendent for the district; he became superintendent of Cleburne Independent School District in 1971, where he served until his retirement in 1986; and

**WHEREAS**, A respected civic leader, Don contributed his time and energy to his community; he served as president and director of the Jacksboro Lions Club and the Jacksboro and Cleburne chambers of commerce, and he was named Outstanding Citizen of Cleburne in 1985; and

**WHEREAS**, His faith was evidenced in his daily life; he was an elder of the Christian Church, and he served as a charter member and president of the Tuesday Forum and as Lay Advisory

Committee Chairman of Southwestern Adventist University; and

**WHEREAS**, A man of integrity, strength, and generosity, Don was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather; he leaves behind memories that will be treasured forever by his family and many friends; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 79th Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Melvin Donald Smith: his wife of 23 years, Wanda; his sons and daughters-in-law, Tommy and Jeanne Smith, Craig and Nancy Smith, and Max and Tammy Nimmo; his daughter and son-in-law, Sue and Richard Schechter; his sisters, Velma Rea Pounds and Jewel Heard; and his grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for his family as an expression of deepest sympathy from the Texas Senate, and that when the Senate adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Melvin Donald Smith.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on July 18, 2005, by a rising vote.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate