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H.R. No. 293

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Memories of a life well lived may serve to comfort
2 the loved ones of William D. Smedler of San Antonio, who passed away
3 on December 8, 2005; and

4 WHEREAS, A man of strong character and conviction, Bill
5 Smedler enjoyed an outstanding 22-year career with the U.S. Air
6 Force, serving his country from World War II until his retirement in
7 1967; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Smedler's service-oriented personality later
9 drew him to the Community Relations Service of the U.S. Department
10 of Justice, where he successfully developed and implemented
11 numerous minority programs that benefited countless citizens; and

12 WHEREAS, This talented individual went on to work as a
13 counseling psychiatrist with the U.S. Air Force, as a personnel
14 management and labor relations specialist at the Air Force
15 Personnel School at Gunter Air Force Station in Montgomery,
16 Alabama, and as the chief labor and employee relations specialist
17 at Howard Air Force Base in Panama; and

18 WHEREAS, Active with St. Philips Episcopal Church in San
19 Antonio, Mr. Smedler took on a number of leadership roles during his
20 years of affiliation, including junior and senior warden; he also
21 served as lay reader and chairman of the search committee and was a
22 member of the guild, the choir, and Men of the Church; and

23 WHEREAS, Mr. Smedler further distinguished himself as a
24 longtime member of the Delta Rho Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha

1 Fraternity; he became a member in 1969 and served as president, vice
2 president, and chairman of the 1989 General Convention and Project
3 Alpha during his tenure; and

4 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Mr. Smedler enjoyed the love
5 and support of his wife, Geraldine, with whom he shared many joyful
6 times and cherished memories; and

7 WHEREAS, Bill Smedler was a man of integrity and dedication,
8 and although he will long be missed by all who were privileged to
9 know him, he leaves behind a legacy to treasure for those who held
10 him dear; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
12 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of
13 William D. Smedler and extend sincere sympathy to his wife,
14 Geraldine Smedler, and his family and friends; and, be it further

15 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
16 prepared for his wife and that when the Texas House of
17 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of William D.
18 Smedler.