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H.R. No. 245

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The family and friends of Ralph Edward Smith, Sr.,
2 of Houston were deeply saddened by his passing on November 3, 2004,
3 at the age of 80; and

4 WHEREAS, Born on September 10, 1924, in Indianapolis,
5 Indiana, Mr. Smith served with distinction in the U.S. Air Force
6 during World War II; he was educated at the University of Akron in
7 Ohio and the University of Houston and was a mechanical engineer who
8 retired from TRW Mission Manufacturing; and

9 WHEREAS, A congregant at St. Stephen's United Methodist
10 Church, Mr. Smith made significant contributions to his community
11 as a dedicated member of Oak Forest Masonic Lodge No. 1398, as a
12 respected Scout leader, and as president of the Civilian Council at
13 the DRT storefront for seven years; Mr. Smith also organized and led
14 the Coordinators Leadership Program in Police District 3B-30; and

15 WHEREAS, In 2004, the Near North Storefront Advisory Council
16 posthumously honored Mr. Smith by naming him "President Emeritus"
17 and presenting his family with a plaque of appreciation for his
18 years of community service; and

19 WHEREAS, This distinguished Houstonian was a devoted family
20 man and dedicated civic leader who positively influenced the lives
21 of his fellow Texans, and his inspirational legacy will not soon be
22 forgotten; now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
24 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Ralph Edward Smith,

1 Sr., and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to
2 his wife, Lura; to his sons, Ralph Smith, Jr., and his wife,
3 Barbara, and Thomas Dare Smith and his wife, Margaret; to his
4 daughter, Terry L. Smith; to his granddaughters, Jessica and
5 Stephanie Smith; and to his other relatives and many friends; and,
6 be 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 Ralph
10 Edward Smith, Sr.