

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 708

WHEREAS, Stuart Smith of Waco has become the first American to complete an arduous series of feats known as the Adventure Grand Slam; and

WHEREAS, International in scope, the slam involves scaling the highest peak in each of the seven continents and trekking to both the North and South Poles; Mr. Smith is believed to be only the seventh individual in the world to accomplish this herculean agenda; and

WHEREAS, After discovering a passion for mountain climbing on the peaks in Colorado, Mr. Smith scored the first leg of the grand slam in 1987, when he ascended Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania; between 1995 and 2003, he conquered the rest of the Seven Summits, including Mount McKinley and Mount Everest; he added the North Pole to his list in April 2004, and he concluded his quest for the slam the following December, when he reached the South Pole after a 725-mile, 56-day, cross-country ski expedition; and

WHEREAS, A native of San Diego, California, Mr. Smith graduated summa cum laude from Baylor University with a bachelor's degree in business administration in 1982, and he was awarded a law degree with honors by The University of Texas at Austin in 1985; board certified in civil appellate law, he is a partner in the firm of Naman, Howell, Smith & Lee; and

WHEREAS, Over the course of his far-flung travels, Mr. Smith has enjoyed the support of many individuals, including, especially, his wife, Elizabeth; his exploits have also been followed enthusiastically by the Rotary Club of Waco, of which he is a valued member; and

WHEREAS, Among the most accomplished mountain climbers in the nation, Stuart Smith has continually set and achieved the loftiest of goals, and the Lone Star State is indeed proud to claim him as one of its own; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 79th Legislature, hereby congratulate Stuart Smith on becoming the first American to complete the Adventure Grand Slam and extend to him sincere best wishes for continued success in all his endeavors; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this Resolution be prepared for Mr. Smith as an expression of high regard 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 April 28, 2005.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate