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RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, For more than 40 years, the U.S. Small Business 2 Administration has recognized outstanding small business owners 3 for their contributions to the nation's economy during National

4 Small Business Week; and

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WHEREAS, The SBA Houston District Office, which serves 32 counties and some 350,000 businesses, is honoring 10 outstanding individuals on May 11, 2007, at the Small Business Week Awards Luncheon; the event is being sponsored by the Houston chapter of SCORE, a nonprofit association dedicated to entrepreneur education and the formation, growth, and success of the nation's small businesses; and

WHEREAS, Bruce Smith has been named the Small Business Person of the Year; a graduate of Texas State University and a former national accounts manager for Motorola, Mr. Smith founded Safety Vision, LP, in 1993; starting solely as a distributor of mobile video surveillance equipment in Houston, Mr. Smith's endeavor now designs, manufactures, markets, sells, installs, and services unique systems and provides an ever-growing clientele in 25 countries with exceptional service; and

WHEREAS, A four-time recipient of the Houston 100, Mr. Smith gives of his expertise as president of Global Filtration, Inc., and he is a member of the Young President's Organization and World's Entrepreneurs Organization and is active with The Children's Fund, Channel 8, St. Jude Children's Hospital, Texas Children's Hospital,

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- 1 and St. Francis School; and
- 2 WHEREAS, Small businesses are the lifeblood of cities and
- 3 towns across the country, and National Small Business Week provides
- 4 a welcome opportunity to honor those men and women who contribute to
- 5 the economic vitality of their communities through their
- 6 professional endeavors; now, therefore, be it
- 7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
- 8 Legislature hereby congratulate Bruce Smith on his selection as the
- 9 2007 Small Business Person of the Year by the Houston District
- 10 Office of the U.S. Small Business Administration and extend to him
- 11 best wishes for continued success; and, be it further
- 12 RESOLVED, Than an official copy of this resolution be
- 13 prepared for Mr. Smith as an expression of high regard by the Texas
- 14 House of Representatives.