

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Chief James M. Smith is a deserving recipient for
2 the award of public service given by the Texas Commission on Law
3 Enforcement Officer Standards and Education, and Chief Smith
4 exemplifies the true meaning of achievement; through his 19 years
5 of service, he has initiated and participated in programs that
6 positively impacted the Kaufman Police Department and the Kaufman
7 community, and his leadership skills and ability to cooperate with
8 diverse populations have led to positive relationships; and

9 WHEREAS, James M. Smith was appointed as chief of police in
10 Kaufman, Texas, on December 7, 1995, becoming the first African
11 American chief of police in the city's storied history; in February
12 1996, along with a local pastor, he cofounded a community program
13 called "A Day with the Law"; the program was originally an event
14 that supplemented Black History Month and targeted minority
15 neighborhoods in the city of Kaufman; adults and children from
16 these neighborhoods participate in an all-day event designed to
17 increase communication between law enforcement and the community;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, The event included practical exercises related to
20 law enforcement that provided public education on various criminal
21 procedures, and representatives from federal, state, and local law
22 enforcement volunteered their time to answer questions and to
23 encourage young people to stay in school and out of trouble; since
24 its inception, the program has expanded to the Dallas-Fort Worth

1 Metroplex; and

2 WHEREAS, A philanthropic member of his community, Chief Smith
3 also has served and currently serves as senior pastor at Bold
4 Pilgrim Baptist Church in Kaufman, a Kaufman Chamber of Commerce
5 director, a commissioner with the Kaufman County Historical
6 Society, a trustee for the Presbyterian Hospital of Kaufman, a
7 director for Kaufman County United Way, and the Teen Pregnancy
8 Center; and

9 WHEREAS, Chief Smith demonstrates the ideal characteristics
10 of a community leader; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
12 Legislature hereby join in congratulating Chief James M. Smith upon
13 being the recipient of the award for public service; and, be it
14 further

15 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
16 prepared for Chief Smith as an expression of high regard by the
17 Texas House of Representatives.

Brown of Kaufman

H.R. No. 1960

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1960 was adopted by the House on May 18, 2007, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House