

By: Brown of Kaufman

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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 of Law
3 Enforcement Officer Standards and Education, Chief Smith
4 exemplifies the true meaning of achievement, through his 19 years
5 of service he has initiated and participated in programs which
6 positively impacted the Kaufman Police Department and the Kaufman
7 Community, 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
11 African-American Chief of Police in the City's storied history, in
12 February of 1996, along with a local Pastor he co-founded a
13 community program called "A Day with the Law," the program was
14 originally an event that supplemented Black History Month and
15 targeted minority neighborhoods in the City of Kaufman, both adults
16 and children from these neighborhoods participate in an all day
17 event designed to increase communication between law enforcement
18 and the community; and,

19 WHEREAS, the event included practical exercises related to
20 law enforcement that provided public education on various criminal
21 procedures, 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 was 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.