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H.R. No. 676

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Words cannot express the sorrow felt by the family,  
2 friends, and colleagues of Senior Corporal Norman S. Smith, an  
3 18-year veteran of the Dallas Police Department, who died in the  
4 line of duty on January 6, 2009, at the age of 43; and

5           WHEREAS, Norman Smith was born on June 14, 1965, in  
6 Fontainebleau, France; he spent his early years in England, where  
7 he attended the Duke of York's Royal Military School in Dover; in  
8 1980 he moved to Kaufman, Texas, where he finished his final year of  
9 high school; and

10           WHEREAS, After serving in the United States Marine Corps for  
11 four years, Mr. Smith joined the Dallas Police Department in 1991,  
12 initially working as a patrol officer in the Southeast Patrol  
13 Division; in the mid-1990s, he joined the Gang Unit, where he  
14 distinguished himself for 14 years until his death; and

15           WHEREAS, This outstanding officer's work in the unit earned  
16 him the respect of the residents of the Pleasant Grove  
17 neighborhood, who appreciated his constant presence on the streets;  
18 he went the extra mile to help the young people in the area to avoid  
19 joining gangs, visiting H. Grady Spruce High School several times a  
20 month to talk with students; and

21           WHEREAS, Senior Corporal Norman Smith was an exemplary police  
22 officer and a true friend to the community he served, as well as  
23 being a loving husband, father, and grandfather; regarded by his  
24 fellow officers as a man of great courage, heart, and dedication, he

1 will be deeply missed by all those who were fortunate enough to have  
2 known him; now, therefore, be it

3         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
4 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Norman S. Smith and  
5 extend sincere condolences to the members of his family: to his  
6 wife, Regina L. Smith; to his daughter, Clenique L. Williams; to his  
7 son, Karlis Smith; to his mother, Carolyn Long; to his stepfather,  
8 Dana Long; to his sister, Michelle; to his granddaughter, Marich;  
9 to his niece, Charlotte; to his nephew, Thomas; and to his other  
10 relatives and friends; and, be it further

11         RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
12 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
13 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in honor of Norman S.  
14 Smith.