

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The dedication and hard work of David Smitherman of
2 Longview is being formally recognized with his receipt of a 2009
3 Carrier of the Year Award from the Texas Circulation Management
4 Association; and

5 WHEREAS, An organization of Texas newspaper circulation
6 managers and newspaper delivery personnel, the TCMA bestows the
7 Carrier of the Year Awards at a banquet during its annual
8 conference; newspaper carriers are recognized in several different
9 categories, and Mr. Smitherman has won in the category of carriers
10 delivering more than 200 papers a day; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Smitherman was born in Shreveport, Louisiana, in
12 1940 and moved to Marshall, Texas, with his family that same year;
13 in 1945, he moved to Longview, and he graduated from nearby
14 Hallsville High School in 1958; and

15 WHEREAS, Answering his nation's call to duty, Mr. Smitherman
16 served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1958 to 1962; he then returned
17 to Longview, where he worked for the Schlitz Brewery for 33 years;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Smitherman is a carrier for the *Longview*
20 *News-Journal*, delivering papers to his customers faithfully and
21 reliably for 32 years; in recognition of his achievement, he will
22 receive a cash prize and a commendation from Governor Rick Perry;
23 and

24 WHEREAS, David Smitherman is supported in all his endeavors

1 by his wife, Ruby, his children, Donna and John David, his
2 grandchildren, Amy, Blake, Cade, Cason, and Eli, and his
3 great-grandchildren, Brianna, Matthew, and Mason; and

4 WHEREAS, In meeting his daily responsibilities, David
5 Smitherman has set high standards to which others may aspire, and he
6 may indeed reflect with pride on a job well done; now, therefore, be
7 it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
9 Legislature hereby congratulate David Smitherman on being named a
10 2009 Carrier of the Year by the Texas Circulation Management
11 Association and extend to him sincere best wishes for continued
12 success and happiness; and, be it further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
14 prepared for Mr. Smitherman as an expression of high regard by the
15 Texas House of Representatives.

Merritt

H.R. No. 1164

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1164 was adopted by the House on April 16, 2009, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House