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H.R. No. 1164

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.