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H.R. No. 1486

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Rodney Smith of Grapevine was named the 2008 Senior
2 Fest Veteran of the Year by the Women's Division of the Grapevine
3 Chamber of Commerce; and

4 WHEREAS, In 1951, Mr. Smith enlisted in the U.S. Army and
5 began his basic training at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii; he attained
6 the permanent rank of E-6 in less than two years and reached a
7 temporary rank of E-9; this dedicated soldier served his entire
8 military career with the 7th Army, 77th AAA Division, 7th AAA
9 Battalion, C Company, attached to the 25th Infantry Division; he
10 worked as a communications chief and a fire director with ground
11 support to the navy and air force; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Smith earned numerous commendations during his
13 years in uniform, among them the Good Conduct Medal with clusters,
14 the American Campaign Medal, the American Defense Commemorative
15 Medal, and the National Defense Medal; his assignments took him
16 around the world, and he spent time in the Philippines, Japan, South
17 Korea, Germany, and many other locales both stateside and abroad
18 before his retirement at the age of 56; and

19 WHEREAS, Since concluding his military career, Mr. Smith has
20 been active in veterans organizations and is a life member of the
21 American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the Disabled
22 American Veterans; in all of his endeavors, he has enjoyed the
23 support of his wife of more than 50 years, Peggy, and the devoted
24 couple have been blessed with three daughters, seven grandchildren,

1 and two great-grandchildren; and

2 WHEREAS, Americans owe a debt of gratitude to those who have
3 answered the nation's call to duty, and it is indeed a pleasure to
4 recognize Rodney Smith for his years of valiant service, for his
5 personal sacrifice, and for his enduring patriotism; now,
6 therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
8 Legislature hereby congratulate Rodney Smith on being named the
9 2008 Senior Fest Veteran of the Year by the Women's Division of the
10 Grapevine Chamber of Commerce and extend to him sincere best wishes
11 for the future; and, be it further

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