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H.R. No. 1618

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The tragic death of Senior Corporal Norman Stephen
2 Smith in the line of duty on January 6, 2009, at the age of 43, has
3 brought a profoundly felt loss to the family and many friends of
4 this esteemed Dallas police officer; and

5 WHEREAS, Senior Corporal Smith joined the Dallas P.D. in
6 1991, and worked for more than a decade in the department's gang
7 unit, where he distinguished himself as an expert in his field who
8 cared deeply about the well-being of his community; dedicated to
9 eradicating violence from the streets of South Dallas, he helped
10 homicide detectives solve eight murders in a two-month period by
11 helping to identify the suspects and make arrests; and

12 WHEREAS, Senior Corporal Smith's exceptional efforts were
13 recognized with a number of honors, including an award from the
14 North Texas Crime Commission for his work with Project Safe
15 Neighborhoods and a departmental certificate of merit for helping
16 to shut down two Pleasant Grove-based gangs; moreover, he was named
17 a Texas Gang Investigators Association Officer of the Year in 2006;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, Born in France, Norm Smith attended a military
20 boarding school in Dover, England, and went on to finish high school
21 in Kaufman; he served this country as a member of the U.S. Marine
22 Corps and later became a Kaufman County sheriff's deputy; and

23 WHEREAS, While working for the Dallas County Sheriff's
24 Department, he met the woman with whom he would spend the rest of

1 his life; he was a loving husband to Dallas Police Lieutenant Regina
2 Smith for nearly two decades, and together they raised two
3 children, Clenique and Karlis; and

4 WHEREAS, Those individuals who dedicate themselves to
5 protecting and defending their fellow citizens are deserving of the
6 heartfelt gratitude of every Texan, and the family, friends, and
7 colleagues of this remarkable man will forever carry his memory
8 close in their hearts; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
10 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Senior Corporal
11 Norman Stephen Smith and extend deepest sympathy to the members of
12 his family: to his wife, Lieutenant Regina Smith; to his daughter,
13 Clenique L. Williams; to his son, Karlis Smith; to his mother and
14 stepfather, Carolyn and Dana Long; to his sister, Michelle; to his
15 granddaughter, Marich; and to his other relatives and many friends;
16 and, be it further

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
18 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
19 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Senior
20 Corporal Norman Stephen Smith.