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H.R. No. 2661

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Ed Smith retired from Macy's on April 30, 2009,
2 bringing a close to his notable career as an executive for the
3 department store chain; and

4 WHEREAS, A Michigan native, Mr. Smith attended El Camino
5 College and California State University, Dominguez Hills, and
6 served in the U.S. Air Force during the Vietnam War; he began his
7 career in 1972 as credit promotion manager for Foley's Department
8 Store, which later became part of Macy's; he held various positions
9 as he rose through the ranks and retired as vice president of public
10 relations, special events, community affairs, and visitor services
11 for the Texas, Oklahoma, and Louisiana region; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Smith has also been very active in community
13 endeavors, serving on the boards of directors for several nonprofit
14 agencies, chairing numerous fund-raising events, and receiving
15 multiple accolades for his work; among the organizations to benefit
16 from his input are the AIDS Foundation Houston, the Alley Theatre,
17 BRASS, Career & Recovery Resources, Casa de Esperanza de los Ninos,
18 Crisis Intervention of Houston, Houston Downtown Alliance, the Gulf
19 Coast Workforce Board, the Houston Area Urban League, Houston
20 OASIS, Ronald McDonald House, SEARCH, Stages Repertory Theatre,
21 Teach For America, and the University of Houston Graduate School of
22 Social Work, among others; in his leisure time, Mr. Smith enjoys
23 downhill skiing, travel, and reading; and

24 WHEREAS, Looking to pursue new business opportunities, he has

1 formed Ed Smith & Associates, LLC, and plans to devote himself to
2 this venture in the years ahead; for more than 3-1/2 decades, Mr.
3 Smith has worked diligently in behalf of his company and his
4 community, and he may indeed reflect with pride on a career well
5 spent as he embarks on an exciting new chapter in his life; now,
6 therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
8 Legislature hereby congratulate Ed Smith on the occasion of his
9 retirement from Macy's and extend to him sincere best wishes for
10 continued success and happiness; and, be it further

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