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H.R. No. 169

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Dedicated civic leaders enrich their communities in  
2 countless ways, and the people of Starr County are fortunate indeed  
3 to count Rene G. Smith, Jr., among their fellow residents; and

4 WHEREAS, A native of Laredo, Mr. Smith was born on August 5,  
5 1948; he earned his associate's degree from Laredo Community  
6 College and served his country as a member of the U.S. Army Reserve;  
7 and

8 WHEREAS, This successful entrepreneur has been part owner of  
9 COD Auto Parts in Rio Grande City for 37 years and part owner of a  
10 real estate business for 31; along with his many professional  
11 obligations, he has made time to contribute to the Rio Grande City  
12 Economic Development Corporation, the Starr County Appraisal  
13 District, and the City Cemetery Project, a worthwhile initiative  
14 that he founded; he is active in the Immaculate Conception Catholic  
15 Church and its school council, the Knights of Columbus, and the  
16 Lions Club; and

17 WHEREAS, In all of his endeavors, Mr. Smith is blessed with  
18 the love and support of his family, including his wife of 40 years,  
19 Sonja, and his daughters, Sonja Smith Cortinas and Alexis Marie  
20 Smith, and he enjoys spending time with his granddaughters,  
21 Abbygail and Ella-Renee; he is a history buff who also enjoys  
22 refurbishing old homes and vehicles; and

23 WHEREAS, Rene Smith has demonstrated a commitment to making  
24 Starr County a better place in which to live and work, and in so

1 doing, he has earned the respect and appreciation of all who know  
2 him; now, therefore, be it

3         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas  
4 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby honor Rene G. Smith, Jr.,  
5 for his contributions to the Starr County community and extend to  
6 him sincere best wishes for continued success in all of his  
7 endeavors; and, be it further

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