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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Family and friends will long cherish their memories
2 of Denise Short Smith of Plano, who passed away on March 21, 2010;
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4 WHEREAS, Setting an outstanding example of civic engagement,
5 Ms. Smith was an active and valued member of the Republican Party;
6 in addition to her work as legislative chair of the Plano Republican
7 Women, she supported a number of candidates through the years,
8 including Van Taylor in his successful campaign for state
9 representative; and

10 WHEREAS, Ms. Smith was dedicated to giving back to our men and
11 women in the military, serving as a U.S. Air Force colonel's liaison
12 and facilitating support groups in a Red Cross/USAF joint health
13 initiative; she also shared her time to benefit her fellow
14 residents as an ambassador for the Plano Symphony Orchestra and as a
15 volunteer with George Washington's Mount Vernon Estate and Gardens
16 and the Heard Natural Science Museum and Wildlife Sanctuary; and

17 WHEREAS, A gifted writer, Ms. Smith returned to school later
18 in life to earn a master's degree in public relations and
19 journalism; she graduated magna cum laude from the University of
20 North Texas and was awarded many honors for her exceptional work;
21 the recipient of a Mayborn Writers Award, Outstanding Public
22 Relations/Journalism Student Award, and English Department
23 Faculty's Outstanding Student Award, she earned the Kenneth May
24 Scholarship and the President's Merit Scholarship as well as

1 placement on the Dean's List and President's List; in addition, she
2 was a member of the Kappa Tau Alpha National Honor Society and the
3 Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society; and

4 WHEREAS, Denise Smith was a woman of rare determination and
5 passion who was engaged in her community throughout her life and who
6 found joy and inspiration in helping others; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
8 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Denise Short Smith
9 and extend sincere sympathy to all those who mourn her passing; and,
10 be it further

11 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
12 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of
13 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Denise
14 Short Smith.