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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, A fruitful life came to an end with the passing of a  
2 successful band leader, publisher, manager, city council member,  
3 and Knights of Columbus member, Eliseo Smith, Jr., on May 2, 2009,  
4 at the age of 91; and

5           WHEREAS, Eliseo Smith, Jr., born in Rio Grande City, began  
6 his successful career as Assistant Fire Chief at Fort Ringgold;  
7 simultaneously organized an orchestra called the Hotsy Totsy Band  
8 that would eventually become Smith's Orchestra; the ensemble would  
9 go on to provide citizens in Starr County with years of  
10 entertainment and happiness; and

11           WHEREAS, Eliseo was a publisher of the Rio Grande Herald,  
12 manager and paymaster of Atkins Produce Co., co-owner and manager  
13 of Smith-Barrymen Lumber Co., manager of Red Barn Chemical Co.,  
14 owner and operator of Smith's Printing and Smitty's Quick Car Wash,  
15 and member of the Rio Grande City Chamber of Commerce; and

16           WHEREAS, A proud, engaged, and accomplished member of the  
17 Knights of Columbus, where he served as a Grand Knight for the De  
18 Saules Council No. 2595, he was also an honorable member of the El  
19 Cid Caravan No. 106 Order of the Alhambra; a dedicated member of the  
20 Rotary International, a devoted parishioner of Immaculate  
21 Conception Church in Rio Grande City, and an active member of the  
22 Starr County Democratic Party; and

23           WHEREAS, Mr. Smith enriched many lives and worked to improve  
24 his community; now, therefore, be it

1           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas  
2 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Eliseo Smith, Jr.,  
3 and extend sincere condolences to the members of his loved ones;  
4 and, be it further

5           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
6 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
7 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Eliseo  
8 Smith, Jr.