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H.R. No. 1361

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Countless lives were touched by the kindness and  
2 generosity of C. C. Smitherman who passed away on October 12, 2012,  
3 at the age of 78; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Franklin to Audie and Cleo Smitherman,  
5 C. C. Smitherman became the first member of his family to graduate  
6 from college when he earned a degree in agricultural education from  
7 Texas A&M University in 1956; he went on to serve his community in a  
8 number of ways, including as the representative for Harris County  
9 on the Port of Houston Authority for eight years; he was appointed  
10 by Texas Governor Mark White as a commissioner with the Texas  
11 Turnpike Authority, and he was also a member of the North Shore  
12 Rotary Club, the North Shore Chamber of Commerce, and the Highlands  
13 and New Braunfels United Methodist Churches; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Smitherman was particularly devoted to the  
15 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo; he attended it without fail for  
16 four decades, and for 37 of those years he served on various  
17 organizational committees and in leadership roles; he sponsored or  
18 served as a champion buyer of livestock, and he distinguished  
19 himself as a director and vice president of the event; he was named  
20 a lifetime vice president in 1993; and

21 WHEREAS, His family's ranch in Medina County, where he raised  
22 Beefmaster cattle, held a special place in Mr. Smitherman's heart;  
23 he was also a skilled marksman and enjoyed hunting; and

24 WHEREAS, In all of his endeavors, Mr. Smitherman enjoyed the

1 love and support of his wife of 56 years, Billie Smitherman; he took  
2 great pride in their two children, Barry and Leslie, and their six  
3 grandchildren; and

4 WHEREAS, C. C. Smitherman lived a rich and purposeful life,  
5 and he will long be remembered with admiration and affection by all  
6 who had the good fortune to know him; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas  
8 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of C. C. Smitherman  
9 and extend sincere condolences to the members of his family: to his  
10 wife, Billie Smitherman; to his children, Barry Smitherman and his  
11 wife, Marijane, and Leslie Rutherford and her husband, Jeff; to his  
12 grandchildren, Shelton, Wyatt, Owen, Louisa, Jake and his wife,  
13 Natalie, and Colton; to his sisters, Marie, Sue, and Doris; and to  
14 his other relatives and friends; and, be it further

15 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
16 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
17 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of  
18 C. C. Smitherman.