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H.R. No. 1839

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, U.S. Circuit Judge Jerry E. Smith is observing 25
2 years of service with the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals in 2013;
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4 WHEREAS, A graduate of Yale University, Judge Smith began his
5 career in 1972 as a law clerk to U.S. District Judge Halbert
6 Woodward; he went on to work with the Houston law firm of Fulbright
7 & Jaworski as an associate before becoming partner in 1981; and

8 WHEREAS, Judge Smith served his fellow residents as Houston
9 city attorney, chair of the Civil Service Commission, and director
10 of the Harris County Housing Authority; in 1987, he was appointed to
11 the U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit, by President Ronald
12 Reagan; and

13 WHEREAS, During his quarter-century on the bench, Judge Smith
14 has made rulings on such important issues as affirmative action
15 admission at The University of Texas and the drilling moratorium in
16 the Gulf following the Deepwater Horizon explosion; he has also
17 been a strong advocate for the American system of checks and
18 balances; and

19 WHEREAS, Judge Smith has been supported in all of his
20 endeavors by a loving family that includes his wife, Mary Jane, and
21 his four children, Ruth Ann, Clark, J. J., and Brandon; and

22 WHEREAS, Throughout his 25 years on the Fifth Circuit Court
23 of Appeals, Judge Smith has remained dedicated to his principles
24 and consistent in his beliefs, and he may reflect with pride on his

1 record of service; now, therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
3 Legislature hereby honor U.S. Circuit Judge Jerry E. Smith on his
4 25th anniversary with the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals and extend
5 to him sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

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