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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Grady Smithey, Jr., is receiving the 2013
2 Distinguished Leadership Award from Leadership Southwest on May 22,
3 2013; and

4 WHEREAS, A graduate of the Leadership Southwest Class of
5 1999, Grady Smithey has set an outstanding example of civic
6 engagement; he served as a Duncanville city councilman for 22
7 years, including as mayor pro tem for seven terms, and he was the
8 first president of the Community and Economic Development
9 Corporation; moreover, he represented his fellow citizens as
10 president of Texas Municipal League Region 13; his devotion to
11 Duncanville, which he has called home since the early 1950s, is
12 further evidenced by his service as chair of the park board, and he
13 is credited with greatly increasing city parkland; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Smithey has long advocated for better
15 infrastructure, and his efforts to improve transportation have
16 earned him the nickname of "Road Warrior"; he was a member of the
17 Regional Transportation Council of the North Central Texas Council
18 of Governments for 13 years and was responsible for bringing a
19 number of federally funded projects to the area; he has chaired the
20 Southwest Dallas County Transportation Committee three times and
21 currently represents southern Dallas County on the I-35 Corridor
22 Advisory Committee and is the only active cofounding member of the
23 Dallas Regional Mobility Coalition; in addition, he served on the
24 National League of Cities' Transportation and Infrastructure

1 Services Committee, and he is a frequent presenter at Irving's
2 Annual Transportation and Infrastructure Summit; for his exemplary
3 efforts, the Texas Transportation Commission honored him with its
4 2007 Road Hand Award; and

5 WHEREAS, This dynamic Texan holds bachelor's and master's
6 degrees from North Texas State University, and he enjoyed a notable
7 33-year career with the U.S. Department of Agriculture; he has also
8 worked as an adjunct professor at Dallas Baptist University; and

9 WHEREAS, Through his myriad contributions, Grady Smithey has
10 demonstrated an outstanding commitment to making Southwest Dallas
11 County an even better place in which to live and work, and in so
12 doing, he has earned the deep respect and appreciation of all who
13 know him; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
15 Legislature hereby congratulate Grady Smithey, Jr., on his receipt
16 of the 2013 Distinguished Leadership Award from Leadership
17 Southwest and extend to him sincere best wishes for the future; and,
18 be it further

19 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
20 prepared for Mr. Smithey as an expression of high regard by the
21 Texas House of Representatives.