

By: Kolkhorst

H.R. No. 2797

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, With the passing of Peggy Seale Smith of Huntsville
2 on December 11, 2012, the State of Texas lost an accomplished
3 businesswoman and a dedicated public servant; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Hallettsville on January 27, 1953, to Billy
5 and Charlene Seale, the former Peggy Seale grew up in Edna and
6 attended Blinn College, The University of Texas at Austin, and Sam
7 Houston State University; she began her notable career in
8 government with the State Comptroller of Public Accounts and went
9 on to serve as chief of staff for State Representative Bill Blythe;
10 appointed by Governor Mark White to the State Pension Review Board
11 in 1984, she was subsequently appointed by Governors Bill Clements
12 and Ann Richards to serve on the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, Ms. Smith left the public sector to work with
15 McAdams Consulting, during which time she was involved with the
16 development of newly built private prisons throughout Texas; in
17 2001, she returned to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice as
18 manager for the Office of Space Management, in which capacity she
19 served with distinction until her retirement in 2005; and

20 WHEREAS, A successful entrepreneur as well, Ms. Smith
21 operated a catering business and established Savvy Homestyles, an
22 interior decorating and staging company borne out of her years in
23 real estate investment; moreover, she played a prominent role in
24 such organizations as the Huntsville ISD School Board, the

1 Houston-Galveston Area Council of Governments, the Huntsville
2 Education Foundation, the Huntsville Board of Realtors, the
3 Huntsville-Walker County Conference and Tourist Bureau, and the
4 Huntsville Leadership Institute-Walker County; and

5 WHEREAS, Ms. Smith was also a woman of faith who greatly
6 enjoyed a wealth of diverse interests, including cooking, reading,
7 shopping, and hunting, as well as outdoor activities and dogs; her
8 tremendous intellect and energy made a positive difference in
9 numerous fields of endeavor, and her achievements will continue to
10 resonate in the Lone Star State and beyond for many years to come;
11 now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
13 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Peggy Seale Smith and
14 extend sincere sympathy to the members of her family: to her mother,
15 Charlene Rightmer Seale; to her husband of 16 years, David Smith; to
16 her daughter, McKinsey McAdams Copeland, and her husband, Baron; to
17 her stepson, Hunter Smith; to her sister, Patti Kay Holly, and her
18 husband, Dale; and to her other relatives and many friends; and, be
19 it further

20 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
21 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of
22 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Peggy Seale
23 Smith.