

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 825

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas honors and commemorates the life of the late United States Marine Corps General Oliver Prince Smith; and

WHEREAS, Oliver Prince Smith was born October 26, 1893; he was a highly decorated combat veteran of World War II who took part in numerous actions in the Pacific theater, including the Cape Gloucester and Peleliu operations; and

WHEREAS, He earned great renown as commander of the 1st Marine Division during the Korean War, notably for his command of the division during the Inchon landing and for his actions prior to and during the Battle of Chosin Reservoir; and

WHEREAS, General Smith and his 1st Marine Division, while dealing with subzero temperatures, established supply points and an airfield along the route to the Battle of Chosin Reservoir; after the division was surrounded by vastly superior numbers at Chosin, he directed the breakout and subsequent march to the coast and earned the enduring respect and admiration of his fellow Marines; and

WHEREAS, Over the course of his illustrious career, General Smith won numerous medals and commendations, including the Distinguished Service Cross, the Silver Star, and the Legion of Merit with Combat "V" and oak leaf cluster; he played a vital role in the success of American military action in the Korean War, and it is truly fitting that he be recognized for his invaluable contributions to the war effort and to the United States Marine Corps; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 83rd Legislature, hereby pay tribute to the life and legacy of General Oliver Prince Smith; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared in honor of his outstanding contributions to the nation.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 3, 2013.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate