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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Memories of a life filled with joyful times and
2 meaningful accomplishments remain to comfort the family and friends
3 of Walter Hoxie Smith of Midland, who passed away on January 6,
4 2015, at the age of 60; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Smith was born on October 29, 1954, in Du Quoin,
6 Illinois, to Frank Hoxie Smith and Virginia Smith; at a young age,
7 he developed an affinity for the outdoors while hiking and
8 backpacking in Colorado at the Perry-Mansfield Boys Camp; he went
9 on to attend Colorado State University, where he earned a
10 bachelor's degree in geology in 1982; while employed by Dawson
11 Geophysical Company in Midland, he attained his master's degree in
12 geology from The University of Texas of the Permian Basin in 1995;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, The following year, Mr. Smith began working as a
15 principal and vice president of GeoSpectrum, Inc., in Midland; he
16 served as project manager and regional director of FutureGen with
17 the United States Department of Energy and was also a consultant
18 with Summit Energy; in 2003, he became the director of the Midland
19 College Petroleum Professional Development Center, where he
20 created workshops and continuing education courses for oil and gas
21 professionals in the Permian Basin region; and

22 WHEREAS, Mr. Smith was well respected in both his chosen
23 field and in his outside interests; he authored or co-authored more
24 than 25 publications, and he was a presenter at national

1 conventions of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists,
2 the Society of Petroleum Engineers, and the Society of Exploration
3 Geophysicists, among others; he was active at Grace Presbyterian
4 Church with the Community Bible Study group, and he played guitar in
5 the Backsliders, a bluegrass gospel group; he also served with the
6 Kairos Prison Ministry in the Lynaugh Unit at Fort Stockton; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Smith was the proud father of two daughters,
8 Alyssa and Lauren; in their youth, he enjoyed taking road trips with
9 them to go camping, skiing, hiking, and fishing and to explore all
10 that the outdoors had to offer; he also counted traveling with his
11 beloved wife, Sally, among his greatest pleasures; and

12 WHEREAS, Those fortunate enough to have known Hoxie Smith
13 will remember the warmth and kindness he brought into their lives,
14 and he will forever hold a treasured place in the hearts of his
15 family and friends; now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
17 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Walter Hoxie Smith
18 and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his
19 wife, Sally Smith; to his daughters, Alyssa and Lauren Smith; to his
20 mother, Virginia Smith; to his brothers, George Smith and his wife,
21 Susan Gray, and Daniel Smith and his wife, Cathy; to his sister,
22 Suzanne Rawlings; and to his other loved ones; and, be it further

23 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
24 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
25 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Hoxie
26 Smith.