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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Family, friends, and members of the community will
2 treasure their memories of Larry B. Smith, the former editor and
3 publisher of the *Brady Standard-Herald*, who died on January 21,
4 2015, at the age of 74; and

5 WHEREAS, Born to L. B. and Vivian Smith, Larry Smith played
6 football for the Brady High School Bulldogs, and after graduating
7 in 1958, he attended Texas A&M University on a football scholarship
8 and earned a degree in journalism in 1962; answering his nation's
9 call to duty during the Vietnam era, he served in the U.S. Navy and
10 won a commendation from the commander of the USS *Yorktown*; and

11 WHEREAS, In 1967, Mr. Smith returned to Brady with his new
12 bride, the former Mary Ann Greene; when his parents moved to Austin
13 to serve in the administration of Governor Preston Smith, he took
14 over his father's role as editor of the *Standard-Herald*, becoming
15 only the third person in the 105 years of the paper's history to
16 hold the position; in 1986, he became the paper's owner and
17 continued to serve as both editor and publisher until he concluded
18 his career in 2009; and

19 WHEREAS, In retirement, Mr. Smith continued to help out at
20 the paper from time to time, but he devoted much of his energy to
21 playing golf with his friends and visiting golf courses around the
22 world; he remained faithful to the Brady Bulldogs, often sitting in
23 the press box during games; he was also in the congregations of the
24 First United Methodist Church and Vision Heights Church of Christ;

1 and

2 WHEREAS, A devoted husband, father, and grandfather, Larry
3 Smith was a true newspaperman and a champion of his community, and
4 he leaves behind a legacy of service to others that will continue to
5 inspire all those who knew and loved him; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
7 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Larry B. Smith and
8 extend sincere condolences to the members of his family: to his
9 wife, Mary Ann Greene Smith; to his daughter, Holly Smith Stewart
10 and her husband, James; to his son, Zack B. Smith and his wife,
11 Sarah; to his grandchildren, Brynn and Samuel Stewart and Emma and
12 Southern Smith; to his sister, Sherron Snead; and to his other
13 relatives and friends; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
15 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
16 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Larry B.
17 Smith.