

By: Smith

H.R. No. 1172

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Family and friends will forever treasure their  
2 memories of Jones Odell Smith of Midland, who died on January 12,  
3 2015, at the age of 78; and

4 WHEREAS, Odell Smith was born in Belton on June 30, 1936, to  
5 Tom Willie Smith and Mary Irene Jones; by the age of five, he knew  
6 that he wanted to be a police officer, and he went on to enjoy a  
7 distinguished career in law enforcement that spanned four and half  
8 decades; and

9 WHEREAS, After serving as a military police officer with the  
10 United States Army, Mr. Smith joined the Midland Police Department  
11 in 1961; he subsequently became an officer with the Texas  
12 Department of Public Safety, and he retired from the Midland  
13 College Police Department in 2007, at the age of 71; during the  
14 1980s, he also worked for Sun Oil Company as a right-of-way and  
15 claims representative; and

16 WHEREAS, Joined in matrimony to Linda Smith for 48 years,  
17 Mr. Smith was the father of four daughters, Leisha, Phylis, Sheila,  
18 and Paula, and he was later blessed with four granddaughters; he was  
19 a longtime member of First Baptist Church and the Emmaus Community;  
20 and

21 WHEREAS, A devoted family man and an exemplary peace officer,  
22 Odell Smith lived a rich and purposeful life, and he leaves behind a  
23 record of service that his loved ones can remember with pride; now,  
24 therefore, be it

1           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas  
2 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Jones Odell Smith  
3 and extend sincere condolences to the members of his family: to his  
4 wife, Linda Smith; to his daughters, Leisha Smith, Phylis Meek,  
5 Sheila Wiedeman, and Paula Hassinger and her husband, David; to his  
6 granddaughters, Rachel Patteson, Sarah Wiedeman, and Sydney and  
7 Whitney Dell; to his sisters, Clarine Deaver and Eloise Wilson; and  
8 to his other relatives and friends; and, be it further

9           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
10 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
11 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Odell  
12 Smith.