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H.R. No. 1710

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Honorable Robin Smith is retiring as presiding
2 judge of the Midland Municipal Court on April 15, 2015, after more
3 than three decades of dedicated public service; and

4 WHEREAS, A graduate of the Texas Tech University School of
5 Law, Robin Smith began his legal career in 1982, when he became an
6 assistant city attorney in Midland; he established his own practice
7 the following year but rejoined the Midland Municipal Court as the
8 presiding judge in November 1984; and

9 WHEREAS, During his 31 years on the bench, Judge Smith has
10 played a key role in a number of important initiatives, including
11 the construction of a new court building and the establishment of
12 Teen Court, an alternative sentencing tool for young offenders;
13 under his guidance, the Midland Municipal Court has become a
14 statewide model for city courts in its operation as well as in its
15 use of video surveillance and other technological innovations; and

16 WHEREAS, Judge Smith has contributed to his professional
17 community as chair of the State Bar of Texas Municipal Judges
18 Section, as president of the Texas Municipal Courts Association,
19 and as chair of the American Bar Association National Conference of
20 Specialized Court Judges; he is also a fellow of the Texas Bar and
21 has taught at National Judicial College for 15 years; furthermore,
22 he has held leadership positions with the Texas Education Agency
23 Driving Safety School Commission and on the Impaired Driving
24 Assessment Team in five states; and

1 WHEREAS, Over the years, Judge Smith has received numerous
2 honors, including a Judge of the Year award from the Texas Municipal
3 Courts Association, an Outstanding Jurist Award from the State Bar
4 of Texas Municipal Judges Section, and an Education Award from the
5 American Bar Association National Conference of Specialized Court
6 Judges; and

7 WHEREAS, Judge Robin Smith has upheld the highest standards
8 of his profession throughout his tenure, and he may indeed reflect
9 with pride on his outstanding record of achievement; now,
10 therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
12 Legislature hereby congratulate Judge Robin Smith on his retirement
13 from the Midland Municipal Court and extend to him sincere best
14 wishes for the future; and, be it further

15 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
16 prepared for Judge Smith as an expression of high regard by the
17 Texas House of Representatives.