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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A rich and purposeful life came to a close with the
2 passing of Dr. Eugene B. Smith of College Station on April 21,
3 2015, at the age of 83; and

4 WHEREAS, Born to Robert and Thelma Smith in Houston on
5 December 28, 1931, "Gene" Smith spent his formative years in
6 Nederland; he attended Texas A&M University, graduating with a
7 bachelor's degree, and went on to join the U.S. Army Signal Corps;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, After completing his military service, he moved to
10 Houston to work for IBM; he then went back to Texas A&M, where he
11 earned his master's degree and Ph.D. and subsequently found a
12 position as an associate professor in the school of business; in
13 1976, he left Texas and moved to Silver Spring, Maryland, to become
14 a management analyst for the United States Department of
15 Agriculture; he returned seven years later and took a job with the
16 Texas Agricultural Extension Service in College Station, working
17 there for more than a decade until his retirement in 1994; and

18 WHEREAS, Dr. Smith married the love of his life, the former
19 Altha Hall, on June 22, 1957, and the couple shared a rewarding
20 union that spanned 57 years; they were the proud parents of a
21 daughter, Kimberly, and with the passing years, they had the
22 pleasure of watching their family grow to include two
23 granddaughters, Emily and Melissa; Dr. Smith enjoyed spending time
24 with his family and friends, playing golf, and traveling with his

1 wife; and

2 WHEREAS, This warm and caring gentleman touched the lives of
3 many during his journey on this earth, and those who were privileged
4 to know him will always remember him with great admiration and
5 affection; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
7 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Dr. Eugene B. Smith
8 and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his
9 wife, Altha Smith; to his daughter, Kim Hord, and her husband,
10 Allen; to his granddaughters, Emily and Melissa; to his brother,
11 Jerry Lynn Smith, and his wife, Judy; and to his other relatives and
12 many friends; and, be it further

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