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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Dr. George Norvell Smith has been named the
2 recipient of the 2017 Osteopathic Family Physician of the Year
3 Award by the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians; and

4 WHEREAS, A Del Rio native, Dr. Smith received his bachelor's
5 degree in biology from The University of Texas at El Paso and went
6 on to graduate from the Kansas City College of Osteopathic Medicine
7 in 1974; he has been employed as the director of Talecris Plasma
8 Resources, West Rest Haven, and West Emergency Medical Services;
9 during the tragic West Fertilizer Company fire and explosion in
10 2013, he guided the shelter-in-place strategy at the nursing home,
11 and although he was injured, he helped coordinate triage efforts
12 for the town; and

13 WHEREAS, Dedicated to his profession, Dr. Smith is a founder
14 of the Texas Osteopathic Medical Association and has served the
15 organization in a number of leadership roles, including president;
16 he also served as president of the Texas Medical Directors
17 Association and of the Texas College of Osteopathic Family
18 Physicians, and he is a member of the board of governors of the
19 Texas College of Osteopathic Family Practitioners, which named him
20 2006 Family Physician of the Year; and

21 WHEREAS, Dr. Smith has served on the West Hospital Authority
22 board of directors for more than three decades, and he became its
23 president in 2009; moreover, he has served the West Independent
24 School District as a team physician and as a member of the Health

1 Advisory Committee; he has benefited the wider community as
2 president of the Kiwanis Club, as president of the Sokol Gymnastics
3 Association of West, as associate director and Safety Committee
4 chair for Westfest, and as a volunteer announcer for the West Youth
5 Baseball and Softball Association; in 2002, the West Chamber of
6 Commerce named him Citizen of the Year, and among many other
7 accolades, he has received the Jefferson Award from the American
8 Institute for Public Service; and

9 WHEREAS, Through his professional and civic contributions,
10 George Smith has made a lasting, positive difference in his
11 community and beyond, and he is truly deserving of this prestigious
12 honor; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
14 Legislature hereby congratulate Dr. George Norvell Smith on his
15 receipt of the 2017 Osteopathic Family Physician of the Year Award
16 from the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians; and, be
17 it further

18 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
19 prepared for Dr. Smith as an expression of high regard by the Texas
20 House of Representatives.