

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Family and friends will long cherish their memories  
2 of William John Smedley of Rio Grande City, who passed away on  
3 February 8, 2019, at the age of 65; and

4           WHEREAS, The son of Austin Q. Miller Smedley and Josefina  
5 Guillen Smedley, John Smedley was born in Rio Grande City on  
6 September 8, 1953; after graduating from Rio Grande City High  
7 School in 1972, he attended Texas A&M University, where he earned  
8 his teaching degree and was a member of the centennial class of  
9 1976; and

10           WHEREAS, A dedicated educator, Mr. Smedley enjoyed a  
11 fulfilling career as a teacher and a coach that spanned almost four  
12 decades; he was passionate about football, and he also delighted in  
13 hunting, fishing, and spending time outdoors with his loved ones;  
14 and

15           WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Mr. Smedley drew strength from  
16 the rewarding marriage that he shared with his wife of 36 years,  
17 Diane; he was the proud father of three children, Nicole, Andy, and  
18 Michael, and he had the pleasure of seeing his family grow to  
19 include five cherished grandchildren, Mackenzie, Landon, Lukus,  
20 Miller, and George William; and

21           WHEREAS, Although John Smedley will be deeply missed, those  
22 who held him dear will forever remember the warmth and kindness he  
23 brought into their lives; now, therefore, be it

24           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas

1 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of William John Smedley  
2 and extend sincere condolences to the members of his family: to his  
3 wife, Diane; to his children, Nicole and her husband, Leonel, Andy  
4 and his wife, Sarah, and Michael and his wife, Sylvia; to his  
5 grandchildren, Mackenzie, Landon, and Lukus Lopez, and Miller and  
6 George William Smedley; to his brother, Joe Smedley, and his wife,  
7 Olga; to his siblings-in-law, Beth and Jaime Best, Nancy and Kevin  
8 Malone, and Daniel and Traci D'Arcy; to his nieces and nephews,  
9 Tiffany, Brittany, and Victoria Smedley, Jay Best, and Bella and  
10 Holden D'Arcy; to his cousins, Mario Guillen and Stephen Guillen,  
11 and their families; to his aunt, Minnie Guillen; to his  
12 mother-in-law, Patricia D'Arcy; and to his other relatives and  
13 friends; and, be it further

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 John  
17 Smedley.

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H.R. No. 1445

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1445 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on May 10, 2019.

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Chief Clerk of the House