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H.R. No. 1445

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.