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RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Jason C. N. Smith of Fort Worth has been elected as 2 a director of the State Bar of Texas for District 7, Place 2; and 3 WHEREAS, A member of the state bar since 1992, Mr. Smith belongs to the Appellate, Insurance Law, and Labor and Employment 4 5 Law Sections; in addition, he has served the Tarrant County Bar Association in a number of roles, among them president of the Labor 6 and Employment Law Section and founder and secretary of the 7 Appellate Law Section; he was also president of the Tarrant County 8 9 Trial Lawyers Association, and he is a member of the American Board of Trial Advocates; and 10

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Smith completed his bachelor's degree in 12 political science with high honors at St. Mary's University and 13 went on to graduate with honors from Texas Tech University School of 14 Law; early in his career, he was a briefing attorney and staff 15 attorney for Texas Supreme Court Justice Jack Hightower, and he 16 served as an assistant Texas attorney general in the Insurance 17 Practices Section of the Consumer Protection Division; and

18 WHEREAS, In 1997, Mr. Smith joined the Law Offices of Art 19 Brender, and he gained board certification in civil appellate law 20 the following year; he established his own firm in 2014 and 21 primarily represents individuals in employment and personal injury 22 trial and appellate matters, including whistle-blower cases; and

23 WHEREAS, Mr. Smith has contributed to his community as 24 founder and president of the Fort Worth Dog Park Association, which

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1 led the successful drive to create Fort Woof Dog Park; he has also 2 provided pro bono legal services to the Humane Society of North 3 Texas, and he is a member of the Fairmount Neighborhood Association 4 and of St. John's Episcopal Church; and

5 WHEREAS, Through his dedicated efforts in behalf of the legal 6 profession, Jason Smith has earned the admiration and appreciation 7 of his colleagues, and the state bar is sure to benefit from his 8 expertise; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas 10 Legislature hereby congratulate Jason C. N. Smith on his election 11 as a director of the State Bar of Texas, and extend to him sincere 12 best wishes for the future; and, be it further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be 14 prepared for Mr. Smith as an expression of high regard by the Texas 15 House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1544 was adopted by the House on May 17, 2019, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House