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R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, Family and friends will forever treasure their memories of Vandie Lindsey Smith Jr. of Magnolia Springs, who died on July 2, 2021, at the age of 64; and

WHEREAS, The son of Vandie Smith Sr. and Lula Bell Smith, Vandie Smith was born in Beaumont on December 15, 1956; he graduated from Kirbyville High School in 1975 and went on to enjoy a career with Temple-Inland and MeadWestvaco that spanned nearly four decades until his retirement; in 1986, he joined the Tri-Community Volunteer Fire Department, rising through the ranks to become the department's chief in 2007 and serving in that position until the end of his life; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Smith shared a rewarding 45-year marriage with his wife, Myrtha, and he was a devoted father to their four children, Vandie, Shanta, Bryan, and Brent; later in life, he took great pride in welcoming into his family 10 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Affectionately known as "Uncle Len," Mr. Smith delighted in the time he spent with his loved ones, and he was a Little League coach for many years; he also enjoyed hunting, fishing, farming, and traveling; an active member of Magnolia Springs Church of God in Christ, he served the congregation as deacon; and

WHEREAS, Vandie Smith lived a rich and purposeful life devoted to his family, his community, and his faith, and he leaves behind a record of service that will continue to inspire all those who knew and loved him; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the memory of Vandie Lindsey Smith Jr. and extend heartfelt sympathy to the members of his family: to his wife, Myrtha Barlow Smith; to his children, Vandie Smith III and his wife, Lita, and Shanta, Bryan, and Brent Smith; to his grandchildren, Terion, Daeshika, Ashunda, Lindsey, Keverly, and Kezian Smith, Deldrick Spikes, Camelia Gilbert, Rayford Gilbert Jr., and Madison Hawkins; to his great-grandchildren, Nohlan Spikes and Kartier Mixon; to his godchildren, Dar'Ranica Barlow, Madison Adams, and William Cooper; to his sisters, LaRue Floyd and her husband, Jimmy, Frankie Smith and her husband, Jerry, and Stacy Smith; and to his many other relatives and friends; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Vandie Smith.