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R E S O L U T I O N

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

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

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

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

23 WHEREAS, Vandie Smith lived a rich and purposeful life  
24 devoted to his family, his community, and his faith, and he leaves

1 behind a record of service that will continue to inspire all those  
2 who knew and loved him; now, therefore, be it

3         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas  
4 Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the memory  
5 of Vandie Lindsey Smith Jr. and extend heartfelt sympathy to the  
6 members of his family: to his wife, Myrtha Barlow Smith; to his  
7 children, Vandie Smith III and his wife, Lita, and Shanta, Bryan,  
8 and Brent Smith; to his grandchildren, Terion, Daeshika, Ashunda,  
9 Lindsey, Keverly, and Kezian Smith, Deldrick Spikes, Camelia  
10 Gilbert, Rayford Gilbert Jr., and Madison Hawkins; to his  
11 great-grandchildren, Nohlan Spikes and Kartier Mixon; to his  
12 godchildren, Dar'Ranica Barlow, Madison Adams, and William Cooper;  
13 to his sisters, LaRue Floyd and her husband, Jimmy, Frankie Smith  
14 and her husband, Jerry, and Stacy Smith; and to his many other  
15 relatives and friends; and, be it further

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