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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The thousands of deaths caused by COVID-19 in Texas  
2 have created a tremendous void in families, communities, and  
3 workplaces throughout the state; among those who lost their lives  
4 in the pandemic was Harold Smith, a dedicated and well-respected  
5 correctional officer with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice,  
6 who passed away on December 15, 2020, at the age of 77; and

7           WHEREAS, Officer Smith was a valued member of the staff of the  
8 Jordan Unit for five and a half years; a dedicated public servant,  
9 he joined the Department of Criminal Justice following his  
10 retirement as an inspector with the Texas Department of  
11 Transportation; and

12           WHEREAS, Devoted to his family, Mr. Smith took great pride in  
13 his four children and seven grandchildren and loved to spend time  
14 with them; an active individual, he benefited youth in the town of  
15 Panhandle as a scoutmaster for Troop 501, and in his free time, he  
16 loved to read about railroads; he was a great conversationalist and  
17 a good listener as well, qualities that never failed to brighten the  
18 workday for his colleagues; and

19           WHEREAS, Harold Smith faithfully and ably performed his  
20 duties throughout his tenure with the Texas Department of Criminal  
21 Justice, and he will long be remembered with great admiration by all  
22 who were privileged to know him; now, therefore, be it

23           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas  
24 Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of

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1 Harold Smith and extend deepest sympathy to his family, friends,  
2 and colleagues; and, be it further

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