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S.R. No. 31

SENATE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas honors and commemorates the life of Jerry Allen Smith, who died July 25, 2021, at the age of 83; and

WHEREAS, Allen Smith was born on January 31, 1938, in Fort Worth, to Charles and Ruth Smith; while attending high school in Shreveport, Louisiana, he met and married the love of his life, Sandra Lee Hunt, and the couple enjoyed more than 65 years of marriage together; they were blessed with two sons, Jerry Smith Jr. and Chuck Smith, and their grandchildren and great-grandchildren were a source of much pride and joy for him; and

WHEREAS, He earned a degree in business with honors from Centenary College before earning a master's degree in professional accounting, also with honors, from The University of Texas at Austin; he went on to enjoy a successful, 37-year career with the Exxon Corporation, where he held a variety of management positions, including with the company's European subsidiaries; and

WHEREAS, After his retirement from the Exxon Corporation, he taught classes in accounting at the University of Houston, Texas A&M University, and The University of Texas at Austin; he also served with distinction as a lieutenant colonel in the Texas State Guard and was active in a wide range of civic and

philanthropic organizations, including the Texas Military Forces Museum, Tarrytown United Methodist Church, Habitat for Humanity, Meals on Wheels, and many others; and

WHEREAS, A man of courage, wisdom, and generosity, Allen gave unselfishly to others, and he will long be remembered for his deep and abiding faith and his enthusiasm for living each day to the fullest; and

WHEREAS, He was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather, and he leaves behind memories that will be cherished forever by his family and many friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 87th Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Jerry Allen Smith; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for his family as an expression of deepest sympathy from the Texas Senate and that when the Senate adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Allen Smith.