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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, All who shared in the life of Billy Lawrence Smith
2 Sr. of Angleton were deeply saddened by his death on September 16,
3 2020; and

4 WHEREAS, Billy Smith was born in Houston on July 18 to Thelma
5 Diamond Darrell Smith and Elton David Smith Sr., and he grew up with
6 the companionship of four siblings, Elton, Paul, Maburn, and Arva;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, A proud veteran of the U.S. Navy, Mr. Smith enjoyed
9 a rewarding career in law enforcement that spanned five decades,
10 and he retired from the Texas Department of Criminal Justice; known
11 for his pioneering advances in the dog training community, he was
12 the founder of Law Enforcement Training Specialists International,
13 Inc., which has specialized in training correctional and law
14 enforcement K-9 officers for 35 years; he also helped found the
15 National Narcotic Detector Dog Association; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Smith shared a fulfilling marriage with his
17 wife, Karen, until her passing in 2012; he took great pride in his
18 children, Billy "Skip" Smith Jr., Samuel "Chip" Smith Sr., and
19 Laura LeAnne Smith, and with the passing years, he had the pleasure
20 of seeing his family grow to include 13 grandchildren and 13
21 great-grandchildren; and

22 WHEREAS, Admired for his kindness, determination, and
23 selflessness, Billy Smith lived a caring and purposeful life, and
24 he leaves behind a record of service that his loved ones can

1 remember with pride; now, therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
3 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Billy Lawrence
4 Smith Sr. and extend sincere condolences to his relatives and
5 friends; and, be it further

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