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H.R. No. 419

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Family and friends will long treasure their memories
2 of Mark Andrew Smith of Dallas, who died on January 18, 2021, at the
3 age of 50; and

4 WHEREAS, Mark Smith was born in Richardson on February 13,
5 1970, to Randy and Margaret Smith, and he grew up with the
6 companionship of two siblings, Todd and Camille; a talented
7 athlete, he graduated from Richardson High School, where he
8 received all-district honors in football; he continued to play for
9 the Texas Longhorns at The University of Texas at Austin from 1989
10 to 1992, and he was a member of the team that had four wins against
11 the University of Oklahoma at the annual Red River Shootout; at six
12 foot six and weighing around 300 pounds all of his adult life, he
13 was nicknamed "Big" by a fellow Longhorn, and he went on to play
14 rugby for a time with the Dallas Harlequins; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Smith enjoyed a successful career in risk
16 management with BAR Constructors, a family-owned municipal water
17 contracting firm, where he worked his way up to become a minority
18 owner; he was also active with the Texas Water Infrastructure
19 Network as a founding member and chairman, and during the COVID-19
20 pandemic, he was instrumental in keeping his team of essential
21 workers safe on the job by adopting enhanced safety protocols,
22 allowing them to provide critical water projects for communities
23 across Texas; and

24 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Mr. Smith enjoyed the love and

1 support of his wife, Kim "Bambi" Smith, and he was the proud father
2 of two daughters, Laney and Shay; he delighted in the time he spent
3 hunting with his friends, the Hunters of Northridge, and he served
4 his community as president of the Friends of Lakewood father's
5 group and as a founder of the White Rock Spring Games; moreover, he
6 was a faithful member of Northridge Presbyterian Church; and

7 WHEREAS, A devoted family man and a respected professional,
8 "Big" Smith brought strength, conviction, and pride to everything
9 he did and everyone he loved, and he will forever remain a vibrant
10 presence for those he leaves behind; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
12 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Mark Andrew Smith
13 and extend sincere condolences to the members of his family and to
14 his many friends; and, be it further

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