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S.R. No. 14

SENATE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas honors and commemorates the life of Adrian DeJuan Smith, who died on November 1, 2023, at the age of 52; and

WHEREAS, Adrian Smith was born on January 3, 1971, to Reverend A. D. Smith and Janice Smith; he graduated from Lancaster Elsie Robertson High School and went on to graduate from Dallas Baptist University and earn a degree in electronics technology from NEC Technical Institute in Dallas; and

WHEREAS, Endowed with a patriotic spirit, Adrian enlisted in the United States Army and served with distinction for eight years, when he was voluntary discharged; a decorated soldier, Adrian earned a number of accolades for his courageous service, including the Army Achievement Medal and the 59th Ordnance Brigade Operation Golden Python Award; and

WHEREAS, An experienced and dedicated leader and technical expert, Adrian was employed for over two decades at West Telecom Services, working as a consultant, trainer, senior engineer, technical analyst, and in numerous other critical roles; he was a widely respected and beloved mentor and teacher who enriched the knowledge of younger professionals in his field and was a source of inspiration to his colleagues and associates; and

WHEREAS, Above all of his professional pursuits, Adrian was a devoted father to his son, Khalil Ahmad Smith, whom he

raised by loving example, and he experienced the blessing of having a second mother in the person of Evelyn Gilmore-Smith, who was part of his life for 43 years; and

WHEREAS, A man of spiritual depth and devotion, Adrian was a charter member of Ebenezer Memorial Missionary Baptist Church, where he served faithfully as a deacon, choir member, Sunday school teacher, and instructor in the men's ministry; and

WHEREAS, Adrian was a beacon of light in the lives of his family and friends, and the memory of his generous spirit will long outlive him; he leaves behind precious memories that will be forever treasured by his loved ones and by all who were privileged to share in his life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 88th Legislature, 4th Called Session, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Adrian DeJuan Smith; and, be it further

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