

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 30

In Memory  
of  
James H. Smith

**WHEREAS**, Family and friends will forever cherish their memories of James H. Smith, who passed away on December 22, 2020, at the age of 71; and

**WHEREAS**, The son of Euel Jackson Smith Jr. and Bill and Marlena Terry, James Smith was born in Junction on March 14, 1949; he grew up in the Hill Country of West Texas with seven siblings, Mike, Barbara, Gary, Steve, Richard, Patricia, and Mollie; the Terry home was always full of lively competition, from foot races to games of dominos and cards; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Smith was employed as a roughneck; after joining McAlester Fuel Company as a roustabout, he shifted to offshore drilling rigs in 1987 and continued to work offshore until his retirement; and

**WHEREAS**, Devoted to his family, Mr. Smith shared a fulfilling 18-year relationship with his wife, Joann; he was the proud father of a son, E. J., and two daughters, Kelli and Krystal; with the passing years, he was blessed with 11 grandchildren, and he loved to watch their ball games and performances; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Smith was very creative; he liked to compose songs and play them for others, and some of his poems were published in books; in addition, he enjoyed hunting, softball, playing cards, and spending time with his loved ones; a man of faith, he found wonderful fellowship as an active member of Glade Creek Baptist Church; and

**WHEREAS**, Although James Smith is deeply missed, those who held him dear will forever remember the warmth and kindness he brought into their lives; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 88th Legislature, 4th Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of James H. Smith and extend sincere condolences to his relatives and friends; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That an official copy of this Resolution be prepared for his family and that when the Texas Senate adjourns this day, it do so in memory of James H. Smith.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the  
above Resolution was adopted by  
the Senate on November 21, 2023,  
by a rising vote.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate