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R E S O L U T I O N

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

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

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

14 WHEREAS, Devoted to his family, Mr. Smith shared a fulfilling
15 18-year relationship with his wife, Joann; he was the proud father
16 of a son, E. J., and two daughters, Kelli and Krystal; with the
17 passing years, he was blessed with 11 grandchildren, and he loved to
18 watch their ball games and performances; and

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

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

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

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