By: Hughes

S.R. No. 594

## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Renowned broadcaster and reporter David Alan Smoak
has been inducted into the Texas High School Football Hall of Fame
as a member of the Class of 2025; and

WHEREAS, A graduate of Tyler Junior College 4 and 5 Stephen F. Austin State University, Mr. Smoak began covering Texas high school football as a television reporter in 1981 at KTRE-TV in 6 7 Lufkin; he went on to join KLTV in Tyler, where he also worked as a lead sports anchor and analyst at other stations; in 1988, he earned 8 national acclaim for his feature "Jamie's Season," which documented 9 the final days of Jamie Sexson, the beloved ball boy of the Marshall 10 11 High School football team who passed away from leukemia; 12 additionally, Mr. Smoak was a longtime fixture on the East Texas radio airwaves, hosting the afternoon Sports Talk show and joining 13 14 ESPN-Central Texas in Waco in 2010 as a program director and host; 15 and

16 WHEREAS, Today, Mr. Smoak serves as director of broadcasting 17 and sales at SicEm365 Radio and 365 Sports on YouTube, and he 18 oversees smoaky.com, a website he launched nearly a quarter century 19 ago that has been at the forefront of covering East and Central 20 Texas high school sports; dedicated to giving back, he has further 21 distinguished himself in the community by establishing programs 22 that honor student-athletes for academic excellence; and

23 WHEREAS, Mr. Smoak's professional affiliations include 24 membership with the Football Writers Association of America and the

1

1 Pro Football Writers of America; moreover, he has a vote for the Heisman Trophy and Biletnikoff Award and is on the ballot 2 3 committees for the Texas Sports Hall of Fame and the Texas High School Football Hall of Fame; he is a member of the East Texas 4 5 Coaches Association Hall of Honor, and among his many other accolades, he has received Associated Press awards for sports talk 6 show, play-by-play broadcasting, and television sportscast as well 7 8 as the Tyler Junior College Spirit Award; in all his endeavors, he benefits from the love and support of his wife, Cindy, and their two 9 children, Craig and Jennifer; and 10

S.R. No. 594

11 WHEREAS, David Smoak has devoted himself to the game of 12 football, entertaining and informing countless fans in the Lone 13 Star State over the course of his exceptional career, and he is 14 indeed deserving of this prestigious honor; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 89th Texas Legislature hereby congratulate David Alan Smoak on his induction into the Texas High School Football Hall of Fame and extend to him sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

19 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be 20 prepared for David Smoak as an expression of high regard by the 21 Texas Senate.

2