

1 State of Arkansas  
2 80th General Assembly  
3 Regular Session, 1995  
4 By: Representative Murphy

H.C.R. 1019

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7 **HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

8 COMMENDING WILLIAM J. SMITH FOR HIS OUTSTANDING PUBLIC AND  
9 PROFESSIONAL SERVICE TO THIS STATE AND ITS PEOPLE.

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11 **Subtitle**

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13 COMMENDING WILLIAM J. SMITH.

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17 WHEREAS, William J. Smith of Little Rock has served the people of the  
18 State of Arkansas long and faithfully and in many capacities since his  
19 admission to the Bar of Arkansas in 1937; and

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21 WHEREAS, he was appointed to Arkansas\_ first Workers\_ Compensation  
22 Commission in 1940 by Governor Carl E. Bailey, and after returning from the  
23 armed services was reappointed by Governor Homer M. Adkins; and

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25 WHEREAS, he served as Executive Secretary to Governor Ben T. Laney in  
26 his first term, and later as personal counsel and legislative advisor to  
27 Governor Laney, Governor Francis A. Cherry, and Governor Orval E. Faubus, and  
28 served as a member of Arkansas first Legislative Council; and

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30 WHEREAS, he has served the Bar of Arkansas in many capacities,  
31 including Chairman of the Executive Committee of Arkansas Bar Association,  
32 Co-Chairman of the capital campaign to build the Arkansas Bar Center, which  
33 led to the organization of the Arkansas Bar Foundation, as the Bar  
34 Association representative for the construction of the Justice Building, and  
35 was awarded the Arkansas Bar Association\_s Outstanding Lawyer-Citizen Award;

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3 WHEREAS, he has served in many civic capacities in Little Rock and in  
4 the State, on the building committee for the Red Cross Blood Bank, as  
5 Chairman of the National Foundation March of Dimes campaigns, as a Director  
6 of the Metropolitan YMCA, as Secretary-Treasurer of the Democratic State  
7 Committee, as State Chairman of the Committee to Enact Amendment 50  
8 legalizing voting machines, as an officer of the State Fair and Livestock  
9 Exposition, as Co-Chairman for the American Heart Association, as Chairman of  
10 the Christmas Seal Campaign, as a Director and charter member of Fifty for  
11 the Future, as President of the Little Rock Chamber of Commerce, as Chairman  
12 of the Board of Directors of the Federal Home Loan Bank; and as Chairman for  
13 the Arkansas Lung Association; and

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15 WHEREAS, he has served the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences  
16 as one of the organizers and on the Board of its Development Council, as a  
17 lifetime Board member of the UAMS Foundation, as a member of the Bernice and  
18 Harvey Jones Eye Institute, and has received the Chancellor\_s Award twice for  
19 his teaching of medical jurisprudence; and

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21 WHEREAS, he was the author and instrumental in the adoption of the  
22 Arkansas Revenue Stabilization Act, which forms the basis for fiscal solvency  
23 and integrity in Arkansas government; and

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25 WHEREAS, he has served as a Justice of the Supreme Court of Arkansas,  
26 and his trial skills have been honored by his being named a Fellow of the  
27 American College of Trial Lawyers;

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29 NOW THEREFORE,

30 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTIETH GENERAL  
31 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

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33 That William J. Smith, 86, of Little Rock, former senior partner in  
34 Smith, Williams, Friday & Bowen, and now of Counsel to Friday, Eldredge &  
35 Clark, is hereby commended for his outstanding public and professional

1 service to this State and its people.

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