

State of Arkansas
90th General Assembly
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Call Item 9

HCMR 1001

By: Representative B. Overbey
By: Senator G. Stubblefield

**HOUSE CONCURRENT MEMORIAL
RESOLUTION**

TO HONOR THE MEMORY OF DEPUTY SONNY SMITH.

Subtitle

TO HONOR THE MEMORY OF DEPUTY SONNY
SMITH.

WHEREAS, Deputy Sonny Allan Smith was born May 1, 1973, in Medford, Oregon; and

WHEREAS, at forty-two (42) years of age, Deputy Smith was killed in the line of duty during the early morning hours of May 15, 2015, while pursuing a burglary suspect in Eastern Johnson County, Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Smith served as an Auxiliary Sheriff Deputy for the Johnson County Sheriff's Office for eleven (11) years and as a security officer at Arkansas Nuclear One for six (6) years; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Smith was also a decorated veteran of the United States Navy; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Smith's death occurred on National Peace Officers Memorial Day, which is a day set aside to honor officers who died in the line of duty; and

WHEREAS, Johnson County Sheriff Larry Jones remembers Deputy Smith as



"a true hero, a wonderful friend, and a family man," and Deputy Smith is recognized for his dedication, service, and ultimate sacrifice; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Smith is survived by his mother, Debra Smith of Oregon; his wife, Amy Jardine Smith of Clarksville, Arkansas; two (2) daughters, Makayla and Callie Smith of Clarksville; two (2) sons, Dakota and Charlie Smith of Clarksville; three (3) brothers, Scott, Jason, and Travis Smith of Oregon; his father and mother-in-law, William and Charlotte Jardine of Lamar, Arkansas; brother and sister-in-law, Gary and Stephanie Jardine of Scranton, Arkansas; and numerous uncles, aunts, cousins, nieces, and nephews,

NOW THEREFORE,

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

THAT the House of Representatives of the Ninetieth General Assembly honors the memory of Deputy Sonny Smith and extends its sincere condolences to the family of Deputy Smith.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon its adoption, a copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Deputy Smith by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.