

1 State of Arkansas  
2 90th General Assembly  
3 First Extraordinary Session, 2015  
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Call Item 9  
  
HCMR 1001

5 By: Representative B. Overbey  
6 By: Senator G. Stubblefield  
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8 **HOUSE CONCURRENT MEMORIAL**  
9 **RESOLUTION**

10 TO HONOR THE MEMORY OF DEPUTY SONNY SMITH.  
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13 **Subtitle**

14 TO HONOR THE MEMORY OF DEPUTY SONNY  
15 SMITH.  
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18 WHEREAS, Deputy Sonny Allan Smith was born May 1, 1973, in Medford,  
19 Oregon; and  
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21 WHEREAS, at forty-two (42) years of age, Deputy Smith was killed in the  
22 line of duty during the early morning hours of May 15, 2015, while pursuing a  
23 burglary suspect in Eastern Johnson County, Arkansas; and  
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25 WHEREAS, Deputy Smith served as an Auxiliary Sheriff Deputy for the  
26 Johnson County Sheriff's Office for eleven (11) years and as a security  
27 officer at Arkansas Nuclear One for six (6) years; and  
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29 WHEREAS, Deputy Smith was also a decorated veteran of the United States  
30 Navy; and  
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32 WHEREAS, Deputy Smith's death occurred on National Peace Officers  
33 Memorial Day, which is a day set aside to honor officers who died in the line  
34 of duty; and  
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36 WHEREAS, Johnson County Sheriff Larry Jones remembers Deputy Smith as



1 "a true hero, a wonderful friend, and a family man," and Deputy Smith is  
2 recognized for his dedication, service, and ultimate sacrifice; and  
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4 WHEREAS, Deputy Smith is survived by his mother, Debra Smith of Oregon;  
5 his wife, Amy Jardine Smith of Clarksville, Arkansas; two (2) daughters,  
6 Makayla and Callie Smith of Clarksville; two (2) sons, Dakota and Charlie  
7 Smith of Clarksville; three (3) brothers, Scott, Jason, and Travis Smith of  
8 Oregon; his father and mother-in-law, William and Charlotte Jardine of Lamar,  
9 Arkansas; brother and sister-in-law, Gary and Stephanie Jardine of Scranton,  
10 Arkansas; and numerous uncles, aunts, cousins, nieces, and nephews,  
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12 NOW THEREFORE,

13 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETIETH GENERAL  
14 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:  
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16 THAT the House of Representatives of the Ninetieth General Assembly  
17 honors the memory of Deputy Sonny Smith and extends its sincere condolences  
18 to the family of Deputy Smith.  
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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon its adoption, a copy of this  
21 resolution be presented to the family of Deputy Smith by the Chief Clerk of  
22 the House of Representatives.  
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