

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 6004

A RESOLUTION in memory of Donald C. Smith.

WHEREAS, Donald C. Smith died January 19, 2002, at the age of 76 years in Dodge City. The son of a former Kansas Attorney General and Supreme Court Justice, Mr. Smith was an active public servant for his community, serving two terms as the Ford County Attorney, four terms as a member of the Kansas House of Representatives and 10 years as a district judge; and

WHEREAS, After graduating from Washburn Rural High School in 1943, Mr. Smith served in World War II as a paratrooper with the 82nd Airborne Division in the European theater of operations and was a part of the D-Day invasion, the liberation of Holland and the battle of the bulge. After the war he returned to Topeka to complete college and was graduated from Washburn University law school in 1950. He then entered the private practice of law in Dodge City where he participated in several law partnerships. In 1997 he received the Kansas Bar Association's Professionalism Award, which recognizes individuals who by their conduct, honesty, integrity and courtesy best exemplified and represented the highest standards of the legal profession; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Smith served in many prominent roles in the Dodge City and western Kansas communities. In 1954, he received the Dodge City Jaycees Distinguished Service Award and was the state vice president of the Kansas Jaycees in 1955. He served as commander of the Dodge City chapter of Disabled American Veterans, chairman of the financial drive to build the first Boy's Ranch in Dodge City, president of the Dodge City Baseball Association, member of the Dodge City Public Library Board and a member of the Board of Directors of the Kansas State High School Activities Association. In 1969, he was elected President of the Kansas Trial Lawyers Association. He served as a member of the Unified School District No. 443 Board of Education, including two years as president of the board, and as a Deacon, Elder and member of the Board of Trustees of the First Presbyterian Church, Dodge City. He also served on the Board of Directors for High Plains Public Radio; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Smith is survived by a son, Don Smith, of Denver, Colorado; two daughters, Sarah Henson and Kim Clark, both of Wamego and two grandsons, Luke Henson and Will Clark, both of Wamego; and a granddaughter, Emily Clark, of Wamego: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas:* That the members of the Kansas House of Representatives honor and remember the life and service of Donald C. Smith; and

*Be it further resolved:* That we extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Donald C. Smith.

I hereby certify that the above RESOLUTION originated in the HOUSE, and was adopted by that body

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*Speaker of the House.*

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*Chief Clerk of the House.*