

# Resolution

ENROLLED SENATE  
RESOLUTION NO. 7

By: Crain, Allen, Anderson,  
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Brinkley, Brooks, Brown, Dahm,  
David, Fields, Floyd, Ford,  
Fry, Garrison, Griffin,  
Halligan, Holt, Jech, Jolley,  
Justice, Loveless, Marlatt,  
Mazzei, Newberry, Paddack,  
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Shaw, Shortey, Silk, Simpson,  
Smalley, Sparks, Standridge,  
Stanislowski, Sykes, Thompson,  
Treat, Wyrick and Yen

A Resolution honoring the life and career of State Senator Jerry Smith; mourning his loss; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Jerry Smith was born on December 6, 1943, in Muskogee, Oklahoma, to Hollis C. Smith and Eulema M. (Hall) Dougherty. He was married to Sally (Howe) Smith, Tulsa County Court Clerk. The couple has a son, Tucker. Smith was a graduate of Oklahoma State University and the University of Tulsa School of Law; and

WHEREAS, Jerry Smith was first elected to the District 39 seat in the Oklahoma State Senate in 1980, serving 24 years in the upper chamber until he was term-limited in 2004. He previously served in the House of Representatives. During his time in the Legislature, he served in many leadership positions, including Minority Leader in 1987 and 1988. Although he was a member of the minority party, during his last term he served as chair of the Senate Judiciary



Committee, only the second member of the minority party to do so;  
and

WHEREAS, in Jerry Smith's thirty-two years of service as a legislator, his work was focused on the law, from the writing of the law to the administration of the law (particularly by the district court clerks) to the adjudication of the law. His respect for and protection of our legal system served all Oklahomans well and will continue to do so in the future; and

WHEREAS, throughout his legislative career, Jerry Smith earned the respect of members on both sides of the aisle, as well as that of his constituents and members of the Capitol press corps. The citizens of District 39 and of the entire state were well served by his hard work and dedication on their behalf; and

WHEREAS, Senator Jerry Smith was a giant of the Oklahoma State Senate who loved his family, the State of Oklahoma, and the Oklahoma State Senate; and

WHEREAS, Jerry Smith passed from this life on Friday, January 30, 2015, at the age of 71. Smith was preceded in death by his parents and is survived by his wife, Sally, and son, Tucker.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 55TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

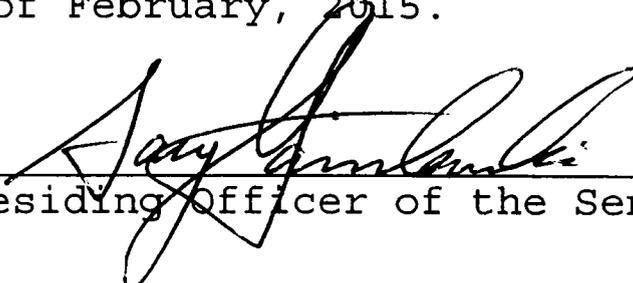
THAT the Oklahoma State Senate commends the life and service of Senator Jerry Smith and hails his contributions to the State of Oklahoma.

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate joins his family, friends, and former constituents in mourning the loss of Senator Jerry Smith.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Senator Jerry Smith's wife, Sally Smith.



Adopted by the Senate the 4th day of February, 2015.

  
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Presiding Officer of the Senate

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Received by the Office of the Secretary of State this 5<sup>th</sup>  
day of February, 20 15, at 9:49 o'clock A. M.  
By: Chit Berge

