

State of Wisconsin



2005 Assembly Joint Resolution 61

ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION

Relating to: the life and service of Colonel Herbert M. Smith.

Whereas, Herbert M. Smith was born on May 9, 1903, and died on January 10, 2005, in his hometown of Neillsville, Wisconsin, where he was a lifelong resident; and

Whereas, Herb Smith had an impressively successful military career, achieving the rank of full Colonel in the Wisconsin National Guard; and

Whereas, having joined the national guard at age 16, he was believed to be the oldest living member of the Wisconsin National Guard before his passing; and

Whereas, he received many military commendations while serving, including the Purple Heart and Distinguished Service Cross for his bravery and valor during World War II; and

Whereas, Herbert Smith was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal in 1990 and was inducted into the Wisconsin Army National Guard's "Hall of Honor" in 2001; and

Whereas, Herbert Smith operated his family-owned Badger Telephone Company and led it through numerous technological transformations, including the move from operator-assisted calls to dial phones, until it was sold in 1965; and

Whereas, Herb wrote his autobiography and remained loyal to his hometown of Neillsville, Wisconsin, and was an active and contributing member of the community; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the members of the legislature of the state of Wisconsin recognize the life and years of public service of Colonel Herbert M. Smith, acknowledge their appreciation for the contributions he has made to the Wisconsin National Guard, express their sorrow at his death, and extend their condolences to his family and friends.

Senator Alan J. Lasee
President of the Senate

Representative John G. Gard
Speaker of the Assembly

Date

Patrick E. Fuller
Assembly Chief Clerk