

Senator Gillmor

RESOLUTION

In memory of Staff Sergeant Shannon M. Smith.

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 128th General Assembly of Ohio extend our sincere condolences to the family and friends of Staff Sergeant Shannon M. Smith on the sorrowful occasion of his death; and

WHEREAS, Although there are no words to ease the grief now felt, surely there is solace in the remembrance of having known such an outstanding individual as Shannon Smith. A 1997 graduate of Marion Harding High School, he joined the U.S. Army in 1997, and he was serving with the 545th Military Police Company, Arctic Military Police Battalion in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom when he was killed in the line of duty. His valiant efforts were truly admirable, and his absence will be keenly felt; and

WHEREAS, In many significant endeavors, Shannon Smith always used his talents to the benefit of others, and the laurels of his life stand as a tribute not only to him but also to those he left behind. The great traditions of our country's service men and women are an important chapter of American history, and his family and friends can be proud of the sacrifices he made to ensure freedom and justice for all people; and

WHEREAS, Although the void his death has created can never be filled, Shannon Smith will be remembered as a spirited individual who contributed immeasurably to the world around him. It is certain that the world is a richer place for his having been in it, and he will be sorely missed; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 128th General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, mourn the loss and salute the memory of a truly unique individual, Staff Sergeant Shannon M. Smith; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit a duly authenticated copy of this Resolution to the family of Staff Sergeant Shannon M. Smith.