

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1019

In Memory
of
Dr. John M. Smith, Jr.

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of San Antonio in mourning the loss of Dr. John M. Smith, Jr., who died March 16, 2003, at the age of 88; and

WHEREAS, John Smith was born June 14, 1914, in Burleson County; he graduated from North Texas State University; after earning a degree from Tulane University School of Medicine in 1940, he undertook two years of post-graduate medical training; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Smith enlisted in the United States Army Medical Corps in 1942 and served as a surgeon during World War II; after he was honorably discharged in 1946, he married Jane Jordan; the couple moved to El Paso and later to San Antonio, where Dr. Smith established his medical practice; and

WHEREAS, Known for his attentiveness and compassionate nature, he was a revered physician to a multitude of patients, from the poorest to the most privileged of the community, for more than 55 years; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Smith took great pride in playing a major role in establishing the City of San Antonio as a leading medical center in the state; it was largely due to his efforts that in 1959 the Texas Legislature authorized the establishment of the University of Texas South Texas Medical School, now known as The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio; he was also instrumental in the creation of Methodist Hospital, the Cancer Therapy and Research Center, University Hospital and other facilities; and

WHEREAS, Greatly respected by his colleagues and by the citizens of San Antonio, Dr. Smith served as president or chairman of such organizations as the Texas State Board of Health, the Bexar County Medical Society, and the San Antonio Medical Foundation; and

WHEREAS, For his outstanding contributions to the field of medicine, he was honored with the Distinguished Service Award from the American Medical Association, the C. D. Taylor Award from Tulane University Medical School, and the Distinguished Alumnus Award from North Texas State University; and

WHEREAS, Dr. John Smith was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather who lived his life to the fullest, and he leaves behind memories that will be treasured forever by his family and many friends; now, therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 78th Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Dr. John M. Smith, Jr.: his sons, Dr. J. Marvin Smith III, Dr. Paxton Jordan Smith, and Robert Burleson Smith; his daughter, Joella Pickering Smith; his brother, J. Burleson Smith; his nine grandchildren; and his numerous nieces and nephews; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the members of his family as an expression of deepest sympathy from the Texas Senate, and that when the Senate adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Dr. John M. Smith, Jr.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 30, 2003, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate