

## SCR 11 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

### Senate Committee On Rules

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**Meeting Dates:** 5/6

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#### **WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Recognizes and honors Deputy Douglas Eugene Smith (1955-1978) for his service to this state.

#### **ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

#### **EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

Deputy Douglas Eugene Smith was a dedicated law enforcement officer who served the people of Sherman County and the State of Oregon with honor and distinction until his life was tragically taken at the age of 23.

Deputy Douglas Eugene Smith was raised in Sherman County, Oregon, where he graduated from Sherman County High School. After graduating from the University of Oregon, Deputy Smith chose a career in law enforcement with the Sherman County Sheriff's Office.

On August 27, 1978, Deputy Smith responded to reports of a vehicle being driven erratically and at a high rate of speed. Deputy Smith was driving on U.S. Route 97 when his vehicle, as it crested a hill, was struck head on by another vehicle. Deputy Smith and both occupants of the other vehicle died at the scene, which was only miles from Deputy Smith's home in Moro, Oregon. The loss of Deputy Smith was deeply felt by his family, his fellow officers, and his many friends.

Senate Concurrent Resolution 11 recognizes and honors Deputy Douglas Eugene Smith for his service to this state.