Whereas Deputy Douglas Eugene Smith was raised in Sherman County, Oregon; and
Whereas Deputy Smith was a graduate of Sherman County High School and the University of Oregon; and
Whereas Deputy Smith chose a career in law enforcement with the Sherman County Sheriff's Office; and
Whereas on August 27, 1978, Deputy Smith responded to reports of a vehicle being driven erratically and at a high rate of speed; and
Whereas Deputy Smith was driving on U.S. Route 97 when, as his vehicle crested a hill, it was struck head on by another vehicle; and
Whereas Deputy Smith and both occupants of the other vehicle died at the scene; and
Whereas the fatal accident occurred several miles from Deputy Smith's home in Moro, Oregon; and
Whereas Deputy Smith was 23 years old and had just begun his law enforcement career when his life was tragically taken; and
Whereas Deputy Smith's loss was deeply felt by his family, his fellow officers and his many friends; and
Whereas Deputy Smith was a dedicated law enforcement officer who served the people of Sherman County and the State of Oregon with honor and distinction; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:

That we, the members of the Eighty-second Legislative Assembly, recognize and honor Deputy Douglas Eugene Smith for his service to this state.