

HCR 19 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Rules

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Meeting Dates: 3/17

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure honors and celebrates the life of Frank Wayne Smith, who lived from 1945 to 2024, and expresses gratitude for his service to the people of the State of Oregon.

Fiscal impact: No fiscal impact

Revenue impact: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Frank Wayne Smith was born on October 8, 1945, in Lakeview, Oregon, to Lester and Era Smith. He was raised in a close-knit family with a strong sense of duty, service, and community; his journey through life was marked by his dedication to his country, his family, and his community.

Frank Smith served his country with honor and great distinction in the United States Navy for 27 years, including active duty during the Vietnam War. He was a proud “mustang,” meaning he rose through the enlisted ranks before being commissioned as an officer—a rare and impressive achievement—ultimately attaining the rank of lieutenant commander. He earned many awards and commendations for his accomplishments during his long naval career, including the Navy Commendation Medal, the Navy Achievement Medal (two awards), the National Defense Service Medal, the Navy Expeditionary Medal, the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, and the Vietnam Service Medal (five awards).

Frank Smith was dedicated to improving services for his fellow veterans. He earned bachelor’s and master’s degrees in business administration, as well as a master’s degree in public administration.

Frank Smith was a beloved fixture in the Port Orford community, where he was the owner of the Port & Starboard Restaurant & Lounge, an establishment built by his father and owned by his family for three generations. He believed deeply in the importance of giving back to his community, and he was a dedicated and tireless volunteer who gave generously of his time and resources to make Port Orford a better place to live, work, and play.

Frank Smith was an elected or appointed official on numerous local boards and commissions during his many decades of public service, including serving as chairman of the Port Orford-Langlois School District board. He had a profound impact on youth sports in Port Orford, where he was the varsity boys’ basketball coach at Pacific High School, and he could often be seen around town umpiring baseball games and refereeing basketball games.

Frank Smith worked for many years with Meals on Wheels, a program that delivers nutritious food to seniors who are homebound or need help with shopping or cooking. He was a longtime member and board member of the Port Orford Rotary Club, and he was instrumental in the creation of the Port Orford Rotary Scholarship Foundation and the annual dinner and dance scholarship fundraiser.

Frank Smith was always ready to support public service organizations, including the local American Legion post and Masonic lodge. He was a devout Christian whose faith was central to his life, and he attended St.

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Christopher’s Episcopal Church in Port Orford, where he had shared his love for the church with his mother during his childhood.

Frank Smith was a kind and gentle man who touched many lives with his spirit and generosity. His true love was his wife, Bonnie, whom he married in 1966 after meeting her as a student at Pacific High School in 1959, and they were inseparable for 65 years of courtship and marriage. Family was everything to Frank Smith, and he passed on his values of love and connection to every person he touched during his long and happy life.

Frank Smith passed away on December 5, 2024. He was survived by his beloved wife, Bonnie; sons, Todd and David; granddaughters, Jadyne and Antonia; and brothers, Jimmy and Bill. He will forever be remembered for his lifetime of dedicated service and the profound and lasting impact he had on his community.