

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2015**

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**SENATE RESOLUTION**

**CONGRATULATING COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR DAVID E. SMITH, UNITED STATES ARMY, RETIRED, ON BEING NAMED THE "VETERAN OF THE YEAR" BY THE UNITED VETERANS COUNCIL OF WOONSOCKET**

Introduced By: Senators Picard, and Cote

Date Introduced: March 25, 2015

Referred To: Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

1           WHEREAS, David E. Smith is a graduate of Sacred Heart Academy, Roger Williams  
2 College, the Rhode Island School of Practical Nursing, Bryant College and the State of Rhode  
3 Island Fire Academy. He began his distinguished military career in 1968 when he enlisted in the  
4 United States Army. He served in the United States Army for more than forty years, rising to the  
5 rank of Command Sergeant Major, and served our nation with honor, valor and distinction; and  
6           WHEREAS, Command Sergeant Major Smith deployed to Kuwait to support Operation  
7 Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. He also deployed to serve in Desert Storm. In  
8 his exemplary military career, Command Sergeant Major Smith received numerous awards and  
9 decorations including the Military Order of the Purple Heart, the Meritorious Service Medal with  
10 Two Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters, the Army Commendation Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters, the  
11 Army Achievement Medal with Silver Oak Leaf Cluster (6<sup>th</sup> award), the National Defense  
12 Service Medal with Bronze Star, the Reserve Components Achievement Medal with Silver Oak  
13 Leaf and 3 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters, the Armed Forces Reserve Medal with Thirty Year  
14 Hourglass Device and Two Bronze "M" Devices, the Global War On Terrorism Expeditionary  
15 Medal, the Global War On Terrorism Medal, the Army Overseas Ribbon, the NCO Professional  
16 Development Training Ribbon, Level Four, the Army Service Ribbon, the Army Reserve  
17 Components Overseas Training Ribbon (3<sup>rd</sup> award), the Army Meritorious Unit Commendation  
18 Medal, the Army Superior Unit Award, and the Expert Shooter Badge for the M-16 Rifle and the  
19 9MM Pistol; and

1           WHEREAS, Since his retirement from the military, Command Sergeant Major Smith has  
2 worked tirelessly on behalf of veterans' causes and in support of numerous veterans'  
3 organizations. He serves on the Permanent Advisory Council to the House Veterans' Affairs  
4 Committee, where he offers a veteran's insight and perspective to proposed legislation. He is Co-  
5 Chair of the Veterans' Cemetery in Exeter, Rhode Island, and oversees the rules and regulations  
6 for the grounds and its daily maintenance. He also serves as Co-Chair of the Veterans' Home  
7 Building Committee and has worked tireless in support of building a new Veterans' Home in  
8 Bristol, Rhode Island. He also works closely with various veterans groups in ensuring that  
9 veterans receive proper and prompt care at the Veterans' Hospital in Providence. He attends many  
10 meetings, works to resolve disputes between patients and administrators, and tirelessly strives to  
11 ensure that there are no shortfalls in supplies or equipment at the hospital; now, therefore be it

12           RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations  
13 hereby congratulates Command Master Sergeant David E. Smith, United States Army, Retired,  
14 on being named the "Veteran of the Year" by the United Veterans Council of Woonsocket. We  
15 thank him for his service to our nation and we thank him for all he has done since his retirement  
16 from the military in support of veterans' causes; and be it further

17           RESOLVED, That the Secretary of state be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
18 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Command Sergeant Major David E. Smith,  
19 United States Army, Retired.

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