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2005 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 61

October 20, 2005 – Introduced by Representatives Suder, Musser, Nischke, Lothian, Lehman, Krawczyk, Bies, Hahn, Owens, Petrowski, Wood, Kleefisch, Nass, Albers and Hines, cosponsored by Senators Zien, Brown, Grothman, A. Lasee, Kedzie, Kanavas and Cowles. Referred to Committee on Rules.

2 Whereas, Herbert M. Smith was born on May 9, 1903, and died on January 10, 3 2005, in his hometown of Neillsville, Wisconsin, where he was a lifelong resident; and 4 Whereas, Herb Smith had an impressively successful military career, achieving 5 the rank of full Colonel in the Wisconsin National Guard; and 6 Whereas, having joined the national guard at age 16, he was believed to be the 7 oldest living member of the Wisconsin National Guard before his passing; and 8 Whereas, he received many military commendations while serving, including 9 the Purple Heart and Distinguished Service Cross for his bravery and valor during 10 World War II; and Whereas, Herbert Smith was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal in 1990 11 and was inducted into the Wisconsin Army National Guard's "Hall of Honor" in 2001; 12 13 and

Relating to: the life and service of Colonel Herbert M. Smith.

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Whereas, Herbert Smith operated his family-owned Badger Telephone Company and led it through numerous technological transformations, including the move from operator-assisted calls to dial phones, until it was sold in 1965; and

Whereas, Herb wrote his autobiography and remained loyal to his hometown of Neillsville, Wisconsin, and was an active and contributing member of the community; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the members of the legislature of the state of Wisconsin recognize the life and years of public service of Colonel Herbert M. Smith, acknowledge their appreciation for the contributions he has made to the Wisconsin National Guard, express their sorrow at his death, and extend their condolences to his family and friends.

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