

# State of Vermont Senate Chamber



## Montpelier, Vermont Senate Resolution

By Senators Starr and Rodgers,

**S.R. 14.** Senate resolution honoring former Representative, Senator, and Sergeant at Arms Kermit A. Smith on the naming of Bridge #64 on Vermont Route 105 in Derby as the Kermit A. Smith Memorial Bridge.

*Whereas*, Kermit Smith of Derby, known to all his friends and colleagues as Kerm, has a long and illustrious history of local and State civic leadership, and

*Whereas*, Kerm Smith was born on February 28, 1928 in Newport, graduated from Orleans High School, and has resided in Derby for over 60 years, and

*Whereas*, he sat on the Derby Academy School Board and served as its chair for nine years, and

*Whereas*, he was an active member of the Derby Lions Club, including serving as its president, and area youngsters appreciated Kerm Smith's guidance as the coach of the club-sponsored Little League team, and

*Whereas*, Kerm Smith served as president of the local Border Jaycees and as a vice president of the Vermont Jaycees, and

*Whereas*, for many years, he was a director of the Orleans Northern Essex Home Health Agency, and

*Whereas*, for five terms (1971–1980), Kerm Smith served as the member from Derby in the Vermont House, and, as a State Representative, sat on the Committees on Agriculture, on Appropriations, and on Ways and Means, and

*Whereas*, Kerm Smith's Senate tenure (1980–1988) included membership on the Committees on Appropriations, on Transportation, and on Administrative Rules (which he chaired), and

*Whereas*, as a senator, Kerm Smith was honored to serve a term as assistant minority leader and, subsequently, two terms as majority leader, and

*Whereas*, his legislative colleagues recognized Kerm Smith's wise judgment, electing him to serve as a University of Vermont Trustee (1977–1983), and

*Whereas*, Kerm Smith's public service concluded with his election as Sergeant at Arms in 1988, and he held that post through 1992, and

*Whereas*, in recognition of his civic leadership, the General Assembly is naming Bridge #64 on Vermont Route 105 in Derby in his honor, a decision the Derby Selectboard supports unanimously, as do approximately 200 petition signers, *now therefore be it*

### ***Resolved by the Senate:***

That the Senate of the State of Vermont honors former Representative, Senator, and Sergeant at Arms Kermit A. Smith on the naming of Bridge # 64 on Vermont Route 105 in Derby as the Kermit A. Smith Memorial Bridge, *and be it further*

***Resolved:*** That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Kerm Smith.