



Resolution for the Dedication of North Commerce Avenue Bridge in Memory of Sergeant Dennis Michael Smedley

WHEREAS, Dennis Michael Smedley was born December 28, 1954 to Francis and Wanda Smedley; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Smedley was hired by the Town of Front Royal Police Department on October 7, 1977 as a patrolmen after working for the Department of Corrections since March 1976; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Smedley was promoted to the position of Sergeant September 9, 1981; and,

WHEREAS, at 6:35am on September 20, 1983, Sergeant Dennis Michael Smedley, received multiple gunshots on his way to work ultimately succumbing to his wounds at 7:47am; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Smedley was a police officer and a public servant who without a doubt performed his duties accordingly making our community a better place in which to live; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Smedley sacrificed his life and paid the ultimate price to perform his duties; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and the Town Council of the Town of Front Royal dedicate the North Commerce Avenue Bridge in memory of 28-year-old Front Royal Police Sergeant Dennis Michael Smedley who not only fulfilled the duties of a sworn police officer and public servant in an outstanding manner but sacrificed his life in the line of duty.

APPROVED:

Lori A. Cockrell, Mayor

ATTEST:

Tina L. Presley, Clerk of Council

This Resolution was approved at the Regular Meeting of the Town of Front Royal, Virginia Town Council conducted on August 28, 2023, upon the following recorded vote:

Melissa DeDomenico-Payne	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	H. Bruce Rappaport	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Joshua L. Ingram	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Duane R. "Skip" Rogers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Amber F. Morris	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	R. Wayne Sealock	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Approved as to Form and Legality:

George M. Sonnett, Jr., Town Attorney

Dated: 09-05-2023