



# Allegheny County Council

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## Legislation Text

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Proclamation honoring the life, memory and legacy of Fred "Jay" Smith.

**WHEREAS**, Allegheny County Council does hereby honor the life of the late **Fred "Jay" Smith**, a dedicated husband, father and veteran, who passed away on November 25, 2020 at age 94; and

**WHEREAS**, **Jay** was a devoted husband to his wife, Joy for 73 years and together they had many children, grandchildren and great grandchildren; and

**WHEREAS**, **Jay** served in the Navy during World War II. After the war, he attended Slippery Rock College and graduated in 1949 with a Physical Education Degree. While attending Slippery Rock College, **Jay** played basketball, baseball and football, and he received an all-state football honorable mention as tight end; and

**WHEREAS**, sports were a big part of **Jay's** life. He played semi-pro sandlot baseball for several years, and managed and played for the F Jay Smith Blue Jays. At the end of his baseball career, **Jay** played tennis and paddle tennis, in which he received many accolades for his accomplishments; and

**WHEREAS**, for over 50 years, **Jay** owned a commercial painting company in Bethel Park that served customers all over the eastern United States; and

**WHEREAS**, before there were parks in Bethel Park, **Jay** built a lighted and paved basketball, volleyball and badminton court for the community's kids. For over thirty years, hundreds of the area's youth learned valuable lessons of sportsmanship and life on that court; and

**WHEREAS**, **Jay** was an active member of the Bethel Park Parks Commission, Toastmasters International and the Bethel Park Kiwanis Club where he served as president of the Club for a period; and

**WHEREAS**, **Jay** was a loving, caring husband and father. He was also gifted story teller, who had a passion for music;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** , that I, Allegheny County Council Member Sam DeMarco, do hereby honor the life, memory and legacy of **Fred "Jay" Smith** , and I extend condolences to his family, friends and colleagues.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** , I have hereunto caused the Seal of the County of Allegheny to be affixed this 25<sup>th</sup> day of November 2020.