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Senator Barbara Sharief Presents Proclamation Honoring Veteran Harold L. Smith for a Century of Service, Valor & Community Leadership

Davie, FL — Senator Barbara Sharief presented a formal proclamation recognizing **Harold L. Smith**, a 102-year-old U.S. Army Air Corps veteran, for his distinguished military service and decades of community impact.

Born in Colorado in 1933 and raised in Iowa, Harold enlisted in the United States Army Air Corps in 1942, serving through 1946 and training on the B-17 Flying Fortress Bomber during World War II. After his service, he built a career in contracting and devoted his life to faith, family, and community service.

A member of the Gideons since 1979, Harold spent many years visiting Broward County jails each Saturday to deliver devotionals and spiritual support. In 2019, he was inducted into the Broward Senior Hall of Fame for his lifelong leadership.

Harold also thrived in the arts as a dancer, instructor, and singer with the Arthur Murray Dance Organization, training performers who appeared on and off Broadway. Even at the age of 102, he remains active and continues gardening weekly.

“Harold Smith represents the very best of our nation — service, compassion, and an unwavering commitment to others,” said **Senator Sharief**.

The proclamation honors Harold Smith’s extraordinary contributions to Broward County and his dedicated service to the United States.

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