

House Resolution 1152

By: Representatives Wilson of the 80th, England of the 116th, Smith of the 134th, Jasperse of the 11th, Dickey of the 140th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Arch D. Smith II on his tenure as state 4-H leader and for his
2 37 year career with Georgia's Cooperative Extension Service; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Arch D. Smith II, who has served for the past 11 years as state 4-H Leader and
4 director of Georgia 4-H, recently announced his retirement; and

5 WHEREAS, having grown up in rural Warren County on a farm that produced cotton and
6 cattle, he earned a bachelor's degree in agricultural economics from the University of
7 Georgia and a master's degree of public administration from West Georgia College and State
8 University; and

9 WHEREAS, he began his career with Georgia's Cooperative Extension Service as a county
10 extension agent in Carroll County in 1985; and

11 WHEREAS, throughout his 37 year career with Georgia's Cooperative Extension Service,
12 Arch has served as Extension 4-H specialist and Rock Eagle 4-H Center coordinator,
13 associate state 4-H leader, Georgia 4-H Foundation executive director, and interim state 4-H
14 leader; and

15 WHEREAS, in 2011, he was named as the eighth state 4-H leader in the 110 year history of
16 the University of Georgia's 4-H Program; and

17 WHEREAS, as state 4-H leader, he is responsible for the University of Georgia 4-H
18 Program, which serves more than 171,000 young people, and for the staff training of Georgia
19 4-H agents, program assistants, and volunteers, with more than 100 full-time employees and
20 nearly 225 part-time employees serving under his leadership; additionally, he is responsible
21 for all personnel and budget issues of the state 4-H office, Georgia's five 4-H centers, and the
22 Georgia 4-H Foundation; and

23 WHEREAS, under his guidance, the Georgia 4-H centers, which serve more than 105,000
24 individuals annually, have improved their programmatic outreach to Georgia citizens; he has
25 directed more than \$50 million in major improvements, expansions, and additions at
26 Georgia's 4-H centers, including the new dining facility at Rock Eagle 4-H Center that
27 opened in 2009 and the ongoing replacement of the center's 50-year-old cabins; and

28 WHEREAS, as executive director of the Georgia 4-H Foundation, he helped direct "The
29 Pledged for Life Campaign" that raised more than \$4 million for Georgia 4-H; and by 2007,
30 the Georgia 4-H Foundation had the largest operating budget of any 4-H foundation in the
31 United States; and

32 WHEREAS, he is a graduate of the National 4-H Executive Institute for Fund Development
33 and was a member of the 1990 Leadership Georgia class; and

34 WHEREAS, he has served on numerous university and College of Agricultural and
35 Environmental Sciences committees and holds the faculty rank of senior public service
36 associate at the University of Georgia.

37 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
38 the members of this body recognize Arch D. Smith II on his 37 year career with Georgia's
39 Cooperative Extension Service, including 11 years as state 4-H leader and director of
40 Georgia 4-H; commend him for his highly effective, unselfish, and dedicated public service
41 to the State of Georgia; and extend the sincerest best wishes for his continued success in
42 retirement.

43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
44 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Arch
45 D. Smith II.