

House Resolution 1765

By: Representatives McCall of the 33rd, Pirkle of the 155th, England of the 116th, LaRiccia of the 169th, Holmes of the 129th, and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Talmadge "Tas" Smith, Sr.; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Talmadge "Tas" Smith, Sr., has been appointed by the Trump Administration
3 to serve as the state executive director of the Georgia USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA)
4 in November, 2017; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Tas grew up in Butler, Georgia, and earned a bachelor's degree in political
6 science from Valdosta State University, earned a Master of Business Administration degree
7 from Tiffin University, and was a 2009 graduate of the Georgia AgriLeaders Institute; and
- 8 WHEREAS, he began his agricultural career at the Georgia Farm Bureau Federation in 2005
9 as a legislative specialist; in 2012, he was named Georgia Farm Bureau's National Affairs
10 Coordinator and, in 2017, he was promoted to Assistant Director for the organization's Public
11 Policy Department; and in these roles, he worked closely with farmers across the state to
12 positively shape farm policy and improve life in rural Georgia; and
- 13 WHEREAS, the Farm Service Agency within the United States Department of Agriculture
14 is primarily tasked with the implementation of the farm bill and the conservation policies
15 associated with it; and
- 16 WHEREAS, Tas will use his leadership experience to oversee FSA programs in a customer
17 focused manner to ensure a safe, affordable, abundant, and nutritious food supply for
18 consumers; furthermore, he will help to implement USDA policies, run the day-to-day
19 activities of the state FSA office, and work to improve the economy and quality of life in
20 rural America; and
- 21 WHEREAS, he and his wife, Stephanie, reside in Athens, Georgia, with their two children,
22 Talmadge and Mary Edwards; and

23 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that Tas Smith's service and dedication to
24 Georgia's largest industry be appropriately recognized.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
26 the members of this body recognize and commend Talmadge "Tas" Smith, Sr., for his
27 appointment by the Trump Administration to serve as the state executive director of the
28 Georgia USDA Farm Service Agency and for his dedicated service to Georgia's farmers.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
30 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
31 Talmadge "Tas" Smith, Sr.