

## House Resolution 423

By: Representatives Jasperse of the 11<sup>th</sup>, Powell of the 33<sup>rd</sup>, Ballinger of the 23<sup>rd</sup>, and Thomas of the 21<sup>st</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of William Harold Smith; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens  
3 with the passing of William Harold Smith on February 8, 2023; and
- 4 WHEREAS, William Harold Smith was born on February 22, 1942, in Johnstown,  
5 Pennsylvania, to Harold William and Ellen Jane Smith; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United  
7 States Army, valiantly and courageously protecting his fellow Americans during the Vietnam  
8 War; and
- 9 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, William Harold Smith was an active member  
10 of Maranatha Baptist Church in Oakwood, Georgia; and
- 11 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to his wife of 52 years, Mary, and was  
12 blessed with two remarkable sons, Lee and Robert; five wonderful grandchildren, Andrew,  
13 Donovan, Mycah, Megan, and Lauren; and four outstanding great-grandchildren, Will,  
14 Chase, Adeline, and Brodie; and

15 WHEREAS, he gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep concern  
16 for his fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding he demonstrated to his  
17 family and friends were admired by others; and

18 WHEREAS, he was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation  
19 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness, and by the example he made of his life, he  
20 made this world a better place in which to live; and

21 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, William Harold Smith will long be  
22 remembered for his love of family, friendship, and community and will be missed by all who  
23 had the great fortune of knowing him.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
25 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of William Harold Smith and  
26 express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
28 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the  
29 family of William Harold Smith.