

House Resolution 57

By: Representatives Burns of the 159th and Hitchens of the 161st

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Smalls Funeral Home; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, under the guiding hand of its owner, Michael Garvin, and the exemplary work
3 ethic demonstrated daily by its dedicated employees, Smalls Funeral Home has grown from
4 its humble beginnings in 1947 to become one of the leading businesses in this state; and
- 5 WHEREAS, this outstanding African American owned business has served Effingham
6 County, Georgia, with dedication to the highest ideals of integrity, honest, and ethics; and
- 7 WHEREAS, rebuilt after a fire in 1995 by Michael, the successor to founder Samuel Smalls
8 Sr., this remarkable funeral home remains a vital hub for the community and continuously
9 evolves to the needs of its customers; and
- 10 WHEREAS, the youngest of nine children, Michael has served the City of Guyton in
11 numerous capacities over the years, including terms as mayor, as well as his country as part
12 of the United States Marine Corps Reserves; and

13 WHEREAS, Smalls Funeral Home's employees are staunch supporters of the Effingham
14 County community who unselfishly devote innumerable hours of their time and talents to
15 support and improve the area; and

16 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
17 extraordinary business be appropriately recognized.

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
19 the members of this body recognize and commend Smalls Funeral Home for its many
20 outstanding contributions on behalf of the citizens of Effingham County, Georgia, and extend
21 sincere best wishes for continued success.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
23 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
24 Smalls Funeral Home.