

House Resolution 764

By: Representative Burns of the 159th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Bobby C. Smith Jr.; 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 Bobby C. Smith Jr. on January 8, 2022; and
- 4 WHEREAS, a native of Screven County and graduate of both Screven County High School
5 and Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College, Bobby C. Smith Jr. was a beloved son of Bobby
6 Sr. and Cecelia Smith; and
- 7 WHEREAS, he served as part of the Ogeechee Technical College Board, the Georgia EMC
8 Board, and the Planter's EMC Board; and
- 9 WHEREAS, he also served the Screven County Development Authority and the Oglethorpe
10 Power Corporation Board of Directors where he was serving as Chairman at the time of his
11 passing; and
- 12 WHEREAS, he earned numerous awards and accolades in recognition of his dedication to
13 excellence through loyal service, including recognition as the 2010 Conservationist of the
14 Year, the 2013 Volunteer of the Year, the Lion of the Year, and the Citizen of the Year; and

15 WHEREAS, Bobby will be remembered for his special gift as host to many charity suppers
16 and community events; and he will long be cheered and showered with accolades for his
17 delicious culinary creations; and

18 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Bobby C. Smith Jr. was an active member of
19 the First United Methodist Church of Sylvania; and

20 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to his wife, Kaye, and was blessed with two
21 remarkable sons, Jason and Justin, as well as five wonderful grandchildren, Caitlin, Jay,
22 Jacob, Bradley, and Jovey; and

23 WHEREAS, he gave inspiration to many through his ideals, morals, and deep concern for
24 his fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding he demonstrated to his
25 family and friends, and he was genuinely admired by others; and

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

29 WHEREAS, by going above and beyond self with a love and devotion to his fellow man, in
30 unwavering service; and

31 WHEREAS, he was known in Screven County and all over Southeast Georgia as a fine
32 farmer and purveyor of agricultural goods and services; and

33 WHEREAS, through diligence, hard work, and sweat, he provided a beautiful home for Kaye
34 and their children and he dispersed gainful and meaningful employment and friendship to
35 those who worked with him; and

36 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Bobby C. Smith Jr. will long be
37 remembered for his love of family, friendship, and community and will be missed by all who
38 had the great fortune of knowing him.

39 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
40 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Bobby C. Smith Jr. and
41 express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

42 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
43 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
44 family of Bobby C. Smith Jr.