

House Resolution 971

By: Representatives Glaize of the 67th, Willis of the 55th, Jackson of the 68th, and Miller of the 62nd

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Teresa Thomas-Smith; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Teresa Thomas-Smith, a transformative leader, officially assumed office on
3 January 1, 2024, as mayor of the City of Palmetto; and
- 4 WHEREAS, she is the first female and first African-American to be the mayor of Palmetto;
5 and
- 6 WHEREAS, a native of Southwest Atlanta, she has called Palmetto home since 2004; and
- 7 WHEREAS, she served four years on the city council through a global pandemic, where she
8 became a familiar face in the community's time of greatest need; and
- 9 WHEREAS, during the pandemic, she served free lunches for 18 months, making her mark
10 in the community and meeting constituents from all over the city; and
- 11 WHEREAS, before venturing into politics, she was a leadership development coach, speaker,
12 and facilitator specializing in guiding senior and C-suite level executives and brought this
13 expertise in empowering leaders to Palmetto; and

14 WHEREAS, her commitment to the community is not just professional but personal, rooted
15 in a deep connection to the residents she serves, and her vision includes the thoughtful
16 development of downtown, sensible economic growth, quality of life improvements, and a
17 commitment to sustainable progress to make Palmetto a city where ethics, unity, kindness,
18 healing, and progress define the essence of a thriving community; and

19 WHEREAS, she resides in Palmetto with her husband, First Gentleman Antone Smith, and
20 their youngest son, Joshua.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
22 the members of this body recognize and commend Teresa Thomas-Smith and congratulate
23 her on being elected as the mayor of Palmetto.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
25 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
26 Teresa Thomas-Smith.