

House Resolution 980

By: Representatives Burns of the 159th, Jones of the 47th, Hugley of the 141st, Smith of the 138th, Buckner of the 137th, and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Richard 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 Richard Smith; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Richard Smith, a native of Wrightsville, Georgia, graduated from Morgan
5 County High School and furthered his education by earning a Bachelor of Science from
6 Louisiana State University in 1968 and a Master of Science from the University of Florida
7 in 1970; and
- 8 WHEREAS, he began his career with the UF Cooperative Extension Service in 1970 and
9 later served the University of Georgia Cooperative Extension Service in numerous capacities;
10 and
- 11 WHEREAS, he was elected to the Georgia House of Representatives in 2004, where he
12 faithfully served for eight terms and held significant positions including chairman of the
13 House Insurance Committee and the House Rules Committee; and

14 WHEREAS, Richard Smith further demonstrated his commitment to public service by
15 holding roles such as interim city manager for the Columbus Consolidated Government,
16 Columbus City councilor, and founding board member of the Chattahoochee Valley
17 Community Foundation; and

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

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

24 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Richard Smith will long be remembered
25 for his love of family, friendship, and community and will be missed by all who had the great
26 fortune of knowing him.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
28 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Richard Smith and express
29 their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
31 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
32 family of Richard Smith.