

## Senate Resolution 200

By: Senators Rahman of the 5th, Anderson of the 43rd, McLaurin of the 14th, Rhett of the 33rd, Harrell of the 40th and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Judge James Stanley Smith; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Judge James Stanley Smith was born in Macon, Georgia, and attended the  
3 public schools there, then graduated from the Walter F. George School of Law; he was  
4 admitted to practice law in 1977 and has resided in Dublin, Georgia, for the past 38 years.  
5 He and his wife, Annette, have two children; and

6 WHEREAS, he worked his way both through undergraduate and graduate school at Mercer  
7 University in 1973 and thereafter attended law school, obtaining his Juris Doctor from the  
8 Walter F. George School of Law in June 1977; and

9 WHEREAS, Judge Smith has practiced law in the public and private sector since July 1,  
10 1977, when he became the first assistant district attorney for the Dublin Judicial Circuit. In  
11 1979, he entered into private practice and was appointed as juvenile court judge for Laurens  
12 County, serving in that capacity for the next 18 years while practicing law; and

13 WHEREAS, he began private practice of law as an associate with Douglas & Robertson,  
14 which became Robertson & Smith when the Honorable Dubignion Douglas was appointed  
15 as superior court judge of the Dublin Judicial Circuit. He is a former member of Nelson,

16 Gillis & Smith, where he practiced for ten years. In 2000, he was elected as a judge to the  
17 Superior Court and served almost 12 years before retiring and re-entering private practice;  
18 and

19 WHEREAS, Judge Smith is a member of Gideons International, and while as superior court  
20 judge, he served as administrative judge for the Eighth Judicial Administrative District;  
21 served on the Council of Superior Court Judges and the Judicial Council of Georgia; served  
22 on the Legislative Committee, Drug Court Committee, and the Compensation Retirement  
23 Committee with a Council of Superior Court Judges; and served as a former member of the  
24 Council of Juvenile Court Judges; and

25 WHEREAS, Judge Smith is respected as an honorable judge for his contributions to the  
26 minority and immigrant community along with his grand amount of years of experience in  
27 the legal field, and he is incredibly appreciated for his service to Laurens County and the  
28 State of Georgia.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
30 recognize and commend Judge James Stanley Smith for his efficient, effective, unselfish, and  
31 dedicated public service to the State of Georgia and extend the most sincere best wishes for  
32 continued health and happiness.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
34 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Judge James  
35 Stanley Smith.