

Senate Resolution 493

By: Senators Goodman of the 8th, Hickman of the 4th, Hodges of the 3rd, Burns of the 23rd and Watson of the 11th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Bobby "Blue" Smith; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia lost one of its finest citizens and most dedicated firefighters
3 with the untimely passing of Bobby "Blue" Smith on Thursday, June 22, 2023; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Bobby "Blue" Smith was born in Waycross on July 12, 1998, a beloved son
5 Bobby Green Smith and Crystal Blue Freeman; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Firefighter Smith was highly regarded by the citizens of his community and
7 state and by local government officials as a person of unquestioned integrity and dedication
8 to the sound principles of firefighting; and
- 9 WHEREAS, he served with honor and distinction as a member of the Ware County Fire
10 Department and his life was tragically taken in a single-vehicle fire truck crash as he
11 heroically carried out the difficult responsibilities of his vocation; and
- 12 WHEREAS, Firefighter Smith exhibited extraordinary devotion to public service,
13 outstanding loyalty, fine leadership, and meticulous attention to detail in all of his duties; and

14 WHEREAS, he will long be remembered for his inspiring commitment to the welfare of
15 others, which stands as a shining example of the positive effect firefighting professionals
16 have on the lives and well-being of others.

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
18 join in honoring the life and memory of Bobby "Blue" Smith and express their most sincere
19 condolences at his passing.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
21 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the family of
22 Bobby "Blue" Smith.