

## House Resolution 1284

By: Representatives Benfield of the 67<sup>th</sup>, Henson of the 65<sup>th</sup> and Ragas of the 64<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Robert J. Smith and inviting him to appear before the House of  
2 Representatives; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Robert J. Smith, the 1998 Decatur High School valedictorian and STAR  
4 student, is Deputy Brigade Commander, the second ranking cadet at the United States  
5 Military Academy; and

6 WHEREAS, he has been recently selected as one of our nation's 32 Rhodes Scholars; and

7 WHEREAS, currently he has a double major in international relations and economics and  
8 plans to study for a master of philosophy degree in economics at the University of Oxford,  
9 after attending the U.S. Army Ranger School; and

10 WHEREAS, approximately 95 Rhodes Scholars are selected worldwide each year from 925  
11 applicants on the basis of high academic achievement, personal integrity, leadership potential  
12 and physical vigor; and

13 WHEREAS, his parents, James and Catherine Smith of Stone Mountain, Georgia, are justly  
14 proud of their son's impressive achievements.

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
16 the members of this body commend and congratulate Robert J. Smith on his outstanding  
17 academic achievements and this latest recognition of his impressive abilities.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that he is invited to appear before the House of  
19 Representatives at a time and date to be designated by the Speaker of the House of  
20 Representatives.

- 1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
- 2 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Robert J. Smith.