

House Resolution 710

By: Representative Smith of the 169th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Carlie C. Coley; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Carlie C. Coley is well known to the citizens of Bacon County where he was
3 born and raised and has contributed to the community of Alma as a businessman, civic
4 leader, and valuable member of various public and private organizations; and
- 5 WHEREAS, he founded Coley Electric Company in 1967 and has developed his business
6 to include four electric and plumbing supply stores in southeast Georgia; and
- 7 WHEREAS, he has been past chairman of the Chamber of Commerce, Community
8 Development Agency, Blueberry Festival, and Director of Travel and Tourism of Southeast
9 Georgia and served on the Private Industry Council; and
- 10 WHEREAS, he is a member of the Bacon County Forestry Board and the Forest Owners
11 Association, and he currently serves as Chairman of the Bacon County Development
12 Authority where he has been a valuable member for the past 14 years; and
- 13 WHEREAS, he and his lovely wife, Bennie Nell Bennett Coley, were married on July 18,
14 1957, and spent their 43rd anniversary in Key West, Florida, where "Papa" Carlie has been
15 a regular participant in the Hemingway look-alike contest at Sloppy Joe's Bar and Grill for
16 the past five years; and
- 17 WHEREAS, "Papa" Carlie won this internationally known contest for the year 2000 and
18 experienced tremendous global media attention from the *Montreal Gazette*, *Hong Kong*
19 *Newspaper*, and *London News*; and
- 20 WHEREAS, Carlie C. Coley may be a terrific Hemingway look-alike, but he has been a
21 devoted husband, understanding father, and marvelous granddad in real life, and his many

1 accomplishments and sound leadership are respected and valued by his fellow citizens who
2 named him Citizen of the Year 2001.

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
4 Carlie C. Coley is recognized and commended for his outstanding community service and
5 congratulated on being named Citizen of the Year 2001.

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
7 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Carlie C. Coley.