

## House Resolution 175

By: Representative Rogers of the 20<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing Boyd Rodney "Rod" Smith and designating the Rod Smith Memorial Garden;  
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Boyd Rodney "Rod" Smith was born in Jefferson, Georgia, in Jackson County  
4 on September 29, 1945, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Smith; and

5 WHEREAS, he was raised in Jefferson, Georgia, and attended Jackson County High School;  
6 and had the distinguished honor of being Valedictorian as well as Star Student for the  
7 Jefferson High School Class of 1963; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Smith began his employment with the Department of Transportation in  
9 May, 1964, as an Engineering Aide and subsequently earned an Associate Degree in Civil  
10 Engineering from Southern Technical Institute having graduated with Honors in 1968; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Smith returned to the Department of Transportation in 1974 as a Civil  
12 Engineering Technologist; and

13 WHEREAS, during his tenure as a career Department of Transportation employee, Mr.  
14 Smith rendered outstanding and faithful service in Construction Staking, Construction  
15 Supervision, Environmental Analysis, and, lastly, as the Roadside Enhancement Coordinator  
16 for the Gainesville District; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Smith was well recognized and highly acclaimed as an expert in wildflower  
18 propagation and was creator of the Elachee Watchers, a birding and naturalist society; and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Smith was killed suddenly in an on-the-job automobile accident on April  
20 22, 1994; and

1 WHEREAS, all of his many friends both inside and outside of the Department of  
2 Transportation are deeply saddened by Mr. Smith's death and express their sincere sympathy  
3 to his wife Andrea; his stepson Andrew M. Forrester; his two brothers Hammond Smith and  
4 James Harold Smith; and his sister Rebecca Ingram; and

5 WHEREAS, by resolution of the State Transportation Board adopted September 15, 1994,  
6 a wildflower garden in the median of State Route 60 (Queen City Parkway) in Gainesville,  
7 Georgia, north of I-985, was designated as the "Rod Smith Memorial Garden," but this area  
8 is no longer used as a wildflower garden and it is fitting to designate a more appropriate  
9 memorial to Mr. Smith.

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
11 GEORGIA that in order to express appreciation to Mr. Smith, the wildflower garden in the  
12 median of Jesse Jewell Parkway, known as the 129 Bypass, in Gainesville, Georgia, shall be  
13 designated as the "Rod Smith Memorial Garden" and the Department of Transportation is  
14 authorized to erect and maintain signs so designating the wildflower garden.

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
16 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Mr. Smith.