

House Resolution 298

By: Representatives Borders of the 142nd, Black of the 144th and Shaw of the 143rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Edith Smith; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Edith Smith is well known and highly respected as a significant community
3 leader whose name has become synonymous with *The Valdosta Daily Times* where she has
4 held many different positions and earned a reputation for dedication and excellence; and

5 WHEREAS, since taking a bookkeeping job with the newspaper in August, 1958, she has
6 witnessed major changes in technology, watched the printing process transform from
7 linotype to cold type to the age of computers, and she has been present as the ownership
8 changed and seen several managing editors come and go as she worked for various
9 publishers; and

10 WHEREAS, her connections with the paper extend back before her employment, since her
11 father, George "Smitty" Smith was the circulation manager for many years following jobs
12 with *The Albany Herald*, the *Times-Enterprise*, and the *Tallahassee Daily Democrat*; and

13 WHEREAS, although she has never officially been a member of the newsroom, she has been
14 a part of the news staff for 45 years; and her reliability, responsiveness, and initiative have
15 contributed enormously to the efficient operation of *The Valdosta Daily Times*, who honored
16 this longtime employee with the headline story for Valentine's Day, 2003.

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
18 the members of this body recognize and commend Edith Smith for her exceptional
19 contributions to *The Valdosta Daily Times* as a superb employee and convey their deepest
20 respect, admiration, and best wishes to her.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
22 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Edith Smith.