

House Resolution 607

By: Representatives Wix of the 33rd, Post 1, Harrell of the 54th, Benfield of the 56th, Post 1, Teilhet of the 34th, Post 2, and Dooley of the 33rd, Post 3

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Robert W. (Red) Smith; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Robert W. (Red) Smith is well known to many Atlantans and is a prominent
3 national leader in youth sports who has played a vital role in the Junior Olympics, Amateur
4 Athletic Union, The Athletic Congress, and U.S.A. Track and Field; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Coach Red was a pioneer in women's sports who formed the Northside Red
6 Runners in 1971 with five female runners; and over the years, he influenced the lives of some
7 3,000 young women in cross country track and field competitions in high school and 50 of
8 his athletes were awarded college scholarships to programs throughout the United States; and
- 9 WHEREAS, he was a former SEC track champion at Georgia Tech who decided to use his
10 experience to benefit youth, training them well in the athletic skills demanded to win
11 interscholastic competitions and teaching them the benefits of discipline, teamwork, and
12 fairness on the playing field and in their personal lives; and
- 13 WHEREAS, he has been a member of the Atlanta Track Club for 30 years, sponsored
14 county, regional, and state track and field meets and clinics, was an officer in the USA Track
15 and Field program, enabled 32 athletes to participate in the opening and closing ceremonies
16 of the 1996 Olympic Games, and has actively coached at Holy Innocents since 1993; and
- 17 WHEREAS, in addition to the phenomenal influence he has had on countless youth, Coach
18 Red has encouraged parental involvement and substantially increased community spirit.
- 19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
20 this body recognizes and commends Robert W. (Red) Smith for his outstanding contributions
21 to the youth of Atlanta and convey to him their deep admiration, respect, and best wishes.

- 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 Coach Red Smith.