

## House Resolution 610

By: Representative Smith of the 76<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Honorable W. R. "Billy" Porterfield; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Honorable W. R. "Billy" Porterfield long has been recognized by the citizens  
3 of Watkinsville, Georgia, for the vital leadership role he has played in business, civic, and  
4 governmental affairs and for being a highly respected, lifelong resident; and

5 WHEREAS, he was born on April 4, 1927, in Oconee County, Georgia, and served his  
6 country with honor and courage as a member of the United States Navy (1945-1946); and  
7 on March 20, 1948, he married the lovely Juanita Hammond Porterfield with whom he has  
8 shared 55 years and together they reared two fine sons: Gary and Steve, who have blessed  
9 them with four grandchildren and one great-grandchild; and

10 WHEREAS, Billy Porterfield had a distinguished career in the stock brokerage business and  
11 he retired as a vice president with Merrill Lynch in Athens, Georgia, in June, 1993; and

12 WHEREAS, he served with the utmost dedication for over 30 years as a member of the  
13 Watkinsville City Council where he held the significant leadership post of Mayor Pro  
14 Tempore in recognition of his tremendous knowledge and ability; and

15 WHEREAS, in addition to his outstanding public service, he is an active member of the  
16 Watkinsville United Methodist Church where he served as a member of the board of trustees  
17 and is a valued resource for the various church programs and services to the community.

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
19 this body commends Honorable W.R. "Billy" Porterfield for his exemplary public service to  
20 his community and state and conveys its admiration, respect, and best wishes to him.

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 W.R. "Billy" Porterfield.