

House Resolution 840

By: Representatives Hill of the 147th, Broome of the 141st, Post 2, Coleman of the 118th, Buck of the 112th, DeLoach of the 127th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing Honorable Charlie Smith; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, this dynamic and powerful public servant faithfully represented the citizens of
3 Camden and Charlton counties with great distinction, dedication, and ability for ten years;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, throughout his distinguished career as a member of this august body, the
6 "Gentleman from the 175th" demonstrated a keen understanding of education and
7 government matters; and

8 WHEREAS, in 2002 he decided not to seek reelection, not having accomplished everything
9 he wanted to do, but having accomplished everything he could do; and

10 WHEREAS, Representative Smith served as Governor Barnes' floor leader from 1998
11 through 2002, where he demonstrated excellent leadership ability in considering major
12 legislation; and

13 WHEREAS, his consistently thorough consideration of the issues presented to this
14 deliberative body and his integrity and reliability have rightfully earned him the honor,
15 respect, and trust of his colleagues over the years and were recognized by the leadership of
16 this body and properly reflected in his membership on the Appropriations and Rules
17 committees, and secretary for the Education Committee. He was most proud of his work in
18 the area of education, particularly his efforts to boost school accountability and teachers'
19 salaries; and

20 WHEREAS, his legislative experience and keen understanding of governmental problems
21 made him one of the most influential members of this body; and

1 WHEREAS, his retirement from the General Assembly allows him to practice law, attend
2 to his many warehouses and properties, and enjoy life with his lovely wife Tricia and sons
3 Brian and Joel.

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
5 the members of this body commend and congratulate Honorable Charlie Smith for his ten
6 years of dedicated and distinguished public service to the people of his community and the
7 State of Georgia, and for serving as an unmatched example of enlightened government and
8 statesmanship.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
10 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Honorable Charlie Smith.