

House Resolution 1775

By: Representative Roberts of the 135th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the Atlanta Braves, commending the Atlanta Braves Foundation, and inviting Mr.
2 Steve Smith and other members of the Atlanta Braves organization to appear before the
3 House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, the Atlanta Braves have the distinction of being the oldest continuously
5 operating professional sports franchise in America; and

6 WHEREAS, in fact, the franchise that started as the Boston Red Stockings in the 1870's is
7 the only one of today's 30 Major League franchises to have fielded a team every season that
8 professional baseball has been in existence; and

9 WHEREAS, the history of the Braves franchise is rich and unique and includes great teams,
10 such as the 1914 "Miracle" Braves and the 1995 World Champions, great ballplayers,
11 memorable managers, and loyal fans; and

12 WHEREAS, in 1992, the Braves established an organization to raise much-needed funds for
13 overlooked and underdeveloped community programs primarily in the metro Atlanta area;
14 and since its inception, the Atlanta Braves Foundation has teamed up with local corporations
15 and supported neighborhood organizations and events as diverse as Habitat for Humanity,
16 Zoo Atlanta, Special Olympics Georgia, Canine Companions for Independence, and the
17 Georgia Transplant Foundation; and

18 WHEREAS, the Atlanta Braves Foundation has also anchored relief efforts in countries
19 devastated by natural disaster; and

20 WHEREAS, the Atlanta Braves Foundation is just one of the many ways the Atlanta Braves
21 strive to have a positive impact and to be a meaningful part of the Atlanta community.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
2 this body honors the Atlanta Braves and commends the Atlanta Braves Foundation for its
3 very significant contributions to the citizens of the State of Georgia.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mr. Steve Smith and other members of the Atlanta
5 Braves organization are invited to appear before the House of Representatives at a date and
6 time to be determined by the Speaker.

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