

House Resolution 1355

By: Representatives Burkhalter of the 50th, Keen of the 179th, and Richardson of the 19th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Mr. John Smoltz for his outstanding contributions to Georgia; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, for over 15 years, Georgia has been blessed with not just one of the nation's best
4 baseball players but one of the most upstanding gentlemen imaginable; and

5 WHEREAS, as a pitcher for the Atlanta Braves, John Smoltz's athletic prowess has earned
6 him countless accolades, including the 1996 Cy Young Award, the Rolands Reliever of the
7 Year award, and being named the National League Championship Series Most Valuable
8 Player; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Smoltz holds the record for most post season wins in Major League history
10 and recently became the first Major League pitcher to follow a 40 game save season with a
11 200 inning season; and

12 WHEREAS, it is off the field, however, that the magnanimity of Mr. Smoltz's character truly
13 shines, as he tirelessly strives to make this world a better place; and

14 WHEREAS, besides the countless acts of kindness he performs throughout the year such as
15 visiting with hospital patients and school children, Mr. Smoltz has been passionately
16 involved in such organizations as the Alpharetta Police Athletic League and the Atlanta
17 Community Food Bank, where his efforts helped raise more than \$40,000 and 8,200 pounds
18 of food last year alone; and

19 WHEREAS, he hosts the annual John Smoltz Celebrity Pro-Am Golf Tournament to benefit
20 Children's Healthcare of Atlanta; and

21 WHEREAS, never one to merely lend his name to a cause, he is involved every day with his
22 John Smoltz baseball camps, with all proceeds going to charity; and

1 WHEREAS, Mr. Smoltz has been one of the most integral forces behind Kings Ridge
2 Christian School, as one of the school's founders and the current chairman of the board; and

3 WHEREAS, in 2002, he received the Atlanta Braves Roberto Clemente Award in honor of
4 his humanitarian efforts, and he was recently honored by the Greater North Fulton Chamber
5 of Commerce, who bestowed on him the Zach Henderson Award in appreciation of his
6 outstanding community service; and

7 WHEREAS, through his unwavering generosity, compassion, and dedication to helping his
8 fellow man, Mr. Smoltz serves as an extraordinary role model for our youth and is a shining
9 example to all who seek to give back to their communities.

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
11 the members of this body join in commending Mr. John Smoltz for his invaluable community
12 involvement and thank him for his many contributions to Georgia.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
14 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. John Smoltz.