

House Resolution 186

By: Representative Watson of the 91<sup>st</sup>

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Expressing congratulations and best wishes to Ina Ruth Ellington-Smith on the occasion of  
2 her 90th birthday; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Ina Ruth Ellington-Smith, beloved homemaker, mother, and esteemed citizen  
4 of the State of Georgia, celebrates her 90th birthday this year; and

5 WHEREAS, she was born January 28, 1917, to Henry Grady and Essie Corine Richardson  
6 in Gresston, Georgia, and moved to Atlanta when she was two years old; and

7 WHEREAS, she grew up in the Kirkwood and Grant Park neighborhoods, where she  
8 attended Murphy High School, and remained a lifelong resident of Georgia's capital city; and

9 WHEREAS, she met her first husband, the late Foster "Speedy" Ellington, while working at  
10 Sears Roebuck & Company, and the two enjoyed 27 beautiful years of marriage before his  
11 unfortunate passing, raising three wonderful children, Diane, Ronald, and Cathy; and

12 WHEREAS, she remarried in 1973 to the late Walter "Smitty" Smith, Jr.; and

13 WHEREAS, Ina Ruth Ellington-Smith is the eldest member of both the Ellington and Smith  
14 extended families which includes two stepdaughters, seven grandchildren, 11  
15 great-grandchildren, and five great-great-grandchildren; and

16 WHEREAS, Ina Ruth Ellington-Smith is blessed with a rare vitality that commands the awe  
17 and respect of loved ones and neighbors alike.

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
19 the members of this body hereby recognize the inspirational life of Ina Ruth Ellington-Smith  
20 and extend her their most sincere congratulations and best wishes on the occasion of her 90th  
21 birthday.

- 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 Ina Ruth Ellington-Smith.