

Senate Resolution 776

By: Senator Jackson of the 2nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Mr. Charlie Smith, Jr.; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Mr. Charlie Smith, Jr., has long been recognized for his superior athletic ability,
3 his dedication to challenging the future leaders of Georgia, and his incredible devotion to his
4 community and the United States; and

5 WHEREAS, upon his graduation from Sol C. Johnson High School in 1965, Mr. Smith
6 served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty in the United States army, earning
7 a rank of Specialist 5, E-5; and

8 WHEREAS, after his selfless service in the military, Mr. Smith earned a bachelor's degree
9 from Savannah State College, studying health, physical education, and recreation; and

10 WHEREAS, he served as a physical education teacher at Savannah High School, coaching
11 football, boys track and field, girls cross-country, golf, and junior varsity basketball, leading
12 the track and field team to a fourth place finish in the Class AAA Track and Field
13 Championship in 1974; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Smith was a distinguished educator and coach at A.E. Beach High School
15 for over two decades, uplifting his students and players and inspiring them to achieve their
16 utmost potential; and

17 WHEREAS, he brought out the superior athletic ability of his players on the boys
18 cross-country team, the boys track and field team, the soccer team, the softball team, and the
19 football team as defensive coordinator, special teams coordinator, and head coach; and

20 WHEREAS, during his tenure with A.E. Beach High School, Mr. Smith's teams earned a
21 Region 3-AAAA Track and Field Championship in 1979, a fourth place finish in the 1981
22 Class AAAA State Track and Field Championship, a Sub-Region 3-AAAA Track and Field

23 Championship in 1984, a Sub-Region 3-AAA Football Championship in 1988, and
24 Sub-Region 3-AAAA Football Runner-Up in 1990 and 1991 and Champions in 1993 and
25 1994; and

26 WHEREAS, his coaching talents were recognized with many accolades and honors,
27 including being named as Coach of the Year in 1988, 1990, and 1991 by the *Savannah*
28 *Morning News*; and

29 WHEREAS, Mr. Smith has dedicated the last decade to New York Life Insurance as a
30 financial advisor, and he is the proud father of two remarkable children, Stephanie and
31 Charlie Jamal, and a delightful grandson, Jaquest Jamara; and

32 WHEREAS, in recognition of his contributions to the students in this state, it is abundantly
33 fitting and proper for this body to honor the extraordinary commitment and accomplishments
34 of this outstanding individual.

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
36 heartily and gratefully commend Mr. Charlie Smith, Jr., for his sacrifice, foresight,
37 accomplishment, and contributions on behalf of education in Georgia and for the positive
38 influence he has had upon the lives and futures of countless young people in this state and
39 extend their most sincere best wishes for the future.

40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
41 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Charlie Smith, Jr.