

House Resolution 1143

By: Representatives Holt of the 112th, Collins of the 95th, and Lunsford of the 110th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Mr. Carl Smith, Jr.; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens
3 with the passing of Mr. Carl Smith, Jr.; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Mr. Smith was known throughout his community as a savvy businessman, a
5 courteous employer, and a true Southern gentleman; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he devoted nearly seven decades to running his own businesses, for 25 years
7 with his appliance repair shop, Covington Electric, and then with Newton Electric Supply,
8 providing electrical and lighting supplies for residential, commercial, and industrial needs
9 for 43 years; and
- 10 WHEREAS, dedicated to his community as well as his businesses, Mr. Smith was a former
11 member of the Covington City Council, was past president of the Newton County Chamber
12 of Commerce, was active with the Covington Kiwanis Club, and served on the board of First
13 National Bank of Newton County for 25 years; and
- 14 WHEREAS, Mr. Smith served as Exalted Ruler of Elks Lodge 1806 B.P.O.E. and was a
15 Shriner for 60 years, serving as Worshipful Master of Masonic Golden Fleece Lodge No. 6;
16 and
- 17 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Mr. Smith was an active member of Covington
18 First United Methodist Church, where he served as trustee chairman and president of the
19 men's Bible class; and
- 20 WHEREAS, an avid and talented golfer, Mr. Smith won a golf tournament held in his honor
21 at the age of 90 and scored a hole-in-one at the age of 93; and

22 WHEREAS, Mr. Smith was united in love and marriage for 75 wonderful years to his wife,
23 Lorene; in addition to his wife, he leaves behind many who will cherish their memories of
24 him and wonderful times shared, including his son and daughter-in-law, Billy and Irene
25 Smith; his granddaughter, Fleeta Baggett; his grandson, Chris and wife, Gidget; and his
26 great-granddaughters, Madelyn, Ashley, and Kristi; and

27 WHEREAS, he was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation
28 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness and, by the example he made of his life, he
29 made this world a better place in which to live; and

30 WHEREAS, Mr. Smith will long be remembered for his love of family, church, his business,
31 and golf, and this loyal husband, father, grandfather, and friend will be missed by all who had
32 the great fortune of knowing him.

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
34 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Mr. Carl Smith, Jr., and
35 express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
37 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Mr. Carl
38 Smith, Jr.