

House Resolution 22

By: Representatives Benton of the 31st, Mills of the 25th, Rogers of the 26th, and Collins of the 27th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Judge Sidney O. Smith, Jr.; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Judge Sidney O. Smith, Jr., has long been recognized by the citizens of this
3 state for the vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to
4 the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

5 WHEREAS, a native of Gainesville, Georgia, Judge Smith served as a guardian of this
6 nation's freedom and liberty as a captain with the United States Army during Word War II;
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8 WHEREAS, he graduated cum laude from Harvard College, where he was a standout
9 member of the school's football team, and graduated summa cum laude from the University
10 of Georgia School of Law, where he was a member of Phi Beta Kappa and Phi Kappa Phi
11 honor societies; and

12 WHEREAS, Judge Smith served for nine years as a judge on the United States District Court
13 for the Northern District of Georgia, where his colleagues knew him as a clear thinker and
14 hard worker, whose strong convictions were supported by meticulous research and careful
15 consideration and whose decisions were governed by the rules of honesty and fair play; and

16 WHEREAS, a staunch supporter of education, Judge Smith has served as chairman of the
17 Gainesville Board of Education and chairman of the Board of Regents; and

18 WHEREAS, a fourth generation member of the Brenau University Board of Trustees, Judge
19 Smith has dedicated his time, talents, and energy to the university since 1974 and provided
20 remarkable leadership as chairman for six years; and

21 WHEREAS, in recognition of Judge Smith's amazing commitment to education, the
22 principles of Brenau University, and the students of Georgia, Brenau University recently
23 named the school's graduate studies program the Sidney O. Smith, Jr., Graduate School; and

24 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
25 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
27 the members of this body commend Judge Sidney O. Smith, Jr., on his efficient, effective,
28 unselfish, and dedicated public service to the State of Georgia and congratulate him upon the
29 prestigious recognition of having the Brenau University Graduate School named in his honor.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
31 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Judge Sidney O. Smith, Jr.