

Senate Resolution 10
By: Senator Miller of the 49th

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;
7 and
- 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 SENATE that the members of this body
27 commend Judge Sidney O. Smith, Jr., on his efficient, effective, unselfish, and dedicated
28 public service to the State of Georgia and congratulate him upon the prestigious recognition
29 of having the Brenau University Graduate School named in his honor.

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