

Senate Resolution 51

By: Senators Grant of the 25th and Carter of the 1st

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Mrs. Marlene Smith on the occasion of her retirement; and
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mrs. Marlene Smith has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for
4 the vital role that she has played in leadership and her deep personal commitment to the
5 welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, she has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of her time,
7 talents, and energy toward the betterment of her community and state as evidenced
8 dramatically by her 34 years of superlative service as a probation officer; and

9 WHEREAS, Mrs. Smith earned a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from the University
10 of Georgia and worked for the Governor's Intern Program as an assistant probation officer
11 under the CETA program; and

12 WHEREAS, she joined the Ocmulgee Judicial Circuit in 1979 and over the years ran
13 probation offices in Greensboro, Milledgeville, Gray, and Eatonton before being named
14 Chief Probation Officer of the Ocmulgee Judicial Circuit in 2004; and

15 WHEREAS, a lifelong resident of Greene County, Mrs. Smith oversaw nearly 3,500 people
16 on probation and 34 staff members as Chief Probation Officer; and

17 WHEREAS, the daughter of the late W.J. and Helen Thurmond, Mrs. Smith is united in love
18 and marriage to Jeffery Smith, and she has been blessed with three remarkable children,
19 Cristin, Jared, and Avery, and a delightful granddaughter, Marlie; and

20 WHEREAS, Mrs. Smith's significant organizational and leadership talents, her remarkable
21 patience and diplomacy, her keen sense of vision, and her sensitivity to the needs of the

22 citizens of this state have earned her the respect and admiration of her colleagues and
23 associates; and

24 WHEREAS, she is a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for
25 integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness; and

26 WHEREAS, Mrs. Smith has served with honor and distinction with the Ocmulgee Circuit,
27 and her vision and unyielding commitment will be sorely missed upon the occasion of her
28 retirement; and

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

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
32 commend Mrs. Marlene Smith for her efficient, effective, unselfish, and dedicated public
33 service to the State of Georgia; congratulate her upon the grand occasion of her retirement;
34 and extend to her their most sincere best wishes for continued health and happiness.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
36 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mrs. Marlene Smith.