

## Senate Resolution 323

By: Senators Jones of the 10th, Ramsey, Sr. of the 43rd, Seay of the 34th, James of the 35th, Davis of the 22nd and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Dr. Thomas Smith and his civic leadership students from  
2 Martin Luther King, Jr. High School; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Dr. Thomas Smith has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the  
4 vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the education  
5 of the students of Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, Dr. Smith teaches citizenship and civic leadership at Martin Luther King, Jr.  
7 High School in DeKalb County, Georgia; and

8 WHEREAS, for the last ten years, Dr. Smith has led his ninth grade civics students in the  
9 study of civic leadership and responsibility, both academically and by example; and

10 WHEREAS, Dr. Smith's students have demonstrated academic achievement in the area of  
11 civic leadership through high test scores and the completion of projects on the United States  
12 Constitution, federal and state government, political parties, election campaigns, and DeKalb  
13 County government; and

14 WHEREAS, the civic leadership students who have been successful in their studies include  
15 Isaiah Beard, Jahe Canty, Devante Crawford, Demarius Culbreath, Ronnie Ferguson, Philip  
16 Karaya, DeAndre McGhee, Samuel Poole, Walter Porter, and Linterrius Robinson; and

17 WHEREAS, in recognition of Dr. Smith's contributions to the students in this state, it is  
18 abundantly fitting and proper for this body to honor the extraordinary commitment and  
19 accomplishments of this outstanding individual and his students who have distinguished  
20 themselves as civic scholars.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
22 commend Dr. Thomas Smith for his sacrifice, foresight, accomplishment, and contributions  
23 to the students of Georgia, recognize the positive influence he has had upon the lives and

24 futures of countless young people in this state, and congratulate his civic leadership students  
25 on their academic success.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
27 to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to Dr. Thomas Smith and the above-named  
28 civic leadership students.