

House Resolution 506

By: Representative Ralston of the 7th

A RESOLUTION

1 Celebrating the life of C. Lloyd Smith and dedicating a road in his memory; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, on January 24, 2002, the State of Georgia lost one of its finest and most
4 distinguished citizens with the tragic and untimely passing of C. Lloyd Smith; and

5 WHEREAS, he was born in 1921 in Fannin County to Dan and Lola Smith of the Morganton
6 and Hemp Community; and

7 WHEREAS, he served during World War II in the 112th Calvary, the last horse mounted unit
8 in the army; and

9 WHEREAS, he was awarded two Bronze Stars and two Purple Hearts for his heroic service
10 to his country; and

11 WHEREAS, in 1952, C. Lloyd Smith graduated from the University of Georgia with a
12 degree in agricultural science and went to work as a county extension agent for Towns,
13 Gordon, Gilmer, and Baker counties until health problems forced him to retire in 1978; and

14 WHEREAS, in 1978, he was named the extension agent of the year by the United States
15 Department of Agriculture; and

16 WHEREAS, he joined Lions Club while in Towns County and was honored as a lifetime
17 member in 1998 at the Ellijay Lions Club; and

18 WHEREAS, in 1972, he was instrumental in starting the Georgia Apple Festival as a local
19 craft fair to promote the apples of Gilmer County; and

20 WHEREAS, in 1991, C. Lloyd Smith was honored as Citizen of the Year by the Gilmer
21 County Chamber of Commerce for being a walking, traveling billboard for Gilmer County
22 and the North Georgia region; and

23 WHEREAS, he took the lead in Better Hometown Georgia, an initiative to help the street
24 landscapes on the city square and North Main Street and River Street in Ellijay; and

25 WHEREAS, he was an honest and dedicated public servant who strived for excellence in all
26 his endeavors and whose primary concern was the welfare and safety of the citizens of the
27 City of Ellijay and Gilmer County; and

28 WHEREAS, this exceptional individual exhibited outstanding leadership and meticulous
29 attention to detail in all his duties throughout his lengthy career of public service as a county
30 extension agent, followed by his years of service as mayor of Ellijay, and it is only fitting and
31 proper that a lasting memorial to his life of service be established.

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
33 GEORGIA that the members of this body honor the outstanding accomplishments of C.
34 Lloyd Smith and dedicate the portion of SR 52 in Ellijay, Georgia, in Gilmer County, from
35 the Ellijay River Bridge to South Main Street at the Ellijay roundabout as the C. Lloyd Smith
36 Memorial Parkway.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
38 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the C. Lloyd Smith Memorial
39 Parkway.

40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
41 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of C. Lloyd
42 Smith and the Department of Transportation.