

House Resolution 557

By: Representatives Yates of the 73rd and Collins of the 27th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Mr. Samuel "Grady" Smith, Sr., on his service to our country;
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Samuel "Grady" Smith, Sr., was born on August 25, 1925, grew up in
4 Austell, Georgia, and joined the United States Army in June, 1943; and

5 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United
6 States Army's 70th Infantry Division, valiantly and courageously protecting his fellow
7 Americans during World War II as a machine gunner; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Smith saw combat in Castle, France, as his unit fought their way through
9 the Haguenau Forest and battled in Germany with Patton's tanks as they crossed the Rhine
10 River; and

11 WHEREAS, for his courage and selfless dedication to this nation, Mr. Smith has received
12 two Bronze Star medals, a World War II Victory Medal, a European and African Medal of
13 Honor, a Combat Infantry Badge, a Good Conduct Medal, an Army of Occupation Medal,
14 and a Belgium Embassy Medal of Honor; and

15 WHEREAS, as Mr. Smith embodies the spirit of service and has a great love for God,
16 country, family, and friends, it is only fitting and proper that he be appropriately recognized
17 for his service to this nation.

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
19 the members of this body commend Mr. Samuel "Grady" Smith, Sr., for his loyalty and
20 service to this country.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
22 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Samuel "Grady" Smith,
23 Sr.