

House Resolution 617

By: Representative Atwood of the 179th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Willou Copeland Smith and dedicating a road in her honor;
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Willou Copeland Smith is a native of Glynn County, Georgia, where she
4 attended Glynn Academy and went on to Florida State University where she majored in
5 music therapy; and

6 WHEREAS, she married Bill Smith in 1961, and they have two children, Leigh Ann who is
7 a real estate broker in Dallas and Cal who is an attorney in Atlanta; and

8 WHEREAS, she served on the Glynn County Commission from 1980 through 1986; and

9 WHEREAS, in 1987, she was elected to the Georgia House of Representatives where she
10 served until 1996, chairing the minority caucus for one term; and

11 WHEREAS, she received the prestigious A.W. Jones, Sr., Award in 2004 for dedicated
12 leadership and outstanding service to Brunswick and the Golden Isles, was included in the
13 YWCA's Tribute to Women for 2000, and was selected to enter the Leadership Georgia
14 program in 1982 where she served as trustee from 1983 to 1986; and

15 WHEREAS, she is a member of Christ Church, Frederica, where she served three years on
16 the Vestry, participated in the Rector search, and is immediate past president of the
17 Daughters of the King; and

18 WHEREAS, Willou energized the St. Simons "Clean and Beautiful" campaign, and her
19 efforts were recognized by then governor, Joe Frank Harris, who awarded her with the
20 Georgia Woman of the Year Award for "Georgia Clean and Beautiful" in 1981; and

21 WHEREAS, while in office she was known as the "go to" commissioner and legislator
22 because her highest priority was constituent service; and

23 WHEREAS, it is only fitting and proper that her years of public service be appropriately
24 recognized.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
26 GEORGIA that this body desires to honor Willou Copeland Smith by dedicating the portion
27 of SR 303 from Altama Avenue to its intersection with US 17 as the Willou Copeland Smith
28 Highway.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
30 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the Willou Copeland Smith
31 Highway.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
33 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Willou Copeland Smith and
34 to the Department of Transportation.