

House Resolution 679

By: Representatives Hembree of the 67<sup>th</sup>, Hanner of the 148<sup>th</sup>, Parrish of the 156<sup>th</sup>, Welch of the 110<sup>th</sup>, and Greene of the 149<sup>th</sup>

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Judge Larry Smith; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Judge Larry Smith is a respected and highly regarded former member of the  
3 Georgia General Assembly, having served in the House of Representatives for 16 years; and

4 WHEREAS, Judge Smith has recently been inducted into the Butts County Hall of Fame for  
5 his years of selfless and dedicated public service; and

6 WHEREAS, a distinguished member of the legal community, Judge Smith served in private  
7 practice for many years, mentoring many young attorneys and assisting numerous lawyers  
8 in developing their own successful legal practices; and

9 WHEREAS, a native of Butts County, Judge Smith has served as a member of the board of  
10 education, county attorney, and attorney for the City of Flovilla, and he has worked tirelessly  
11 to improve the lives of Butts County residents; and

12 WHEREAS, he has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,  
13 talents, and energy for the last 15 years with superlative service as a State Workers'  
14 Compensation Judge; and

15 WHEREAS, Judge Smith's significant organizational and leadership talents, his remarkable  
16 patience and diplomacy, his keen sense of vision, and his sensitivity to the needs of the  
17 citizens of this state have earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues and  
18 associates; and

19 WHEREAS, he is a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for  
20 integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness; and

21 WHEREAS, Judge Smith has served with honor and distinction with the State of Georgia,  
22 and his vision and unyielding commitment will be sorely missed upon the occasion of his  
23 retirement; and

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

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
27 the members of this body commend Judge Larry Smith for his efficient, effective, unselfish,  
28 and dedicated public service to the State of Georgia; congratulate him upon the grand  
29 occasion of his retirement; and extend to him their most sincere best wishes for continued  
30 health and happiness.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
32 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Judge Larry Smith.