

House Resolution 684

By: Representatives Benton of the 31st and McCall of the 30th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Mr. Hoyt R. Smith; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Mr. Hoyt R. Smith was born on April 2, 1911, in Nicholson, Georgia, the
3 beloved son of George and Emma Smith, and this year, he enjoys the rare distinction of
4 celebrating his 100th birthday; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Smith grew up working on his family's farm and trapping to help support
6 the family and was a member of the Civilian Conversation Corp; and

7 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United
8 States Army Air Corp, valiantly and courageously protecting fellow Americans during World
9 War II; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Smith was united in love and marriage to Willometer "Meta" Smith in
11 1941, and they enjoyed 67 wonderful years together before her passing in 2008; and

12 WHEREAS, he is the proud father of three children, Latona "Toni" McGinnis, Delores "Dee"
13 Wilson, and Robert "Bob" Smith; grandfather of Mark McGinnis and Amy Wilson
14 MacDonald; and great-grandfather of Derrick Hammond, Emily MacDonald, Katie
15 MacDonald, Alex MacDonald, and Jillian Haughey; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Smith worked in the construction industry and served as project manager
17 with the University of Georgia until his retirement in the mid 1970's and later returned to the
18 school as a consultant for the Lucy Cobb Complex historical restoration project; and

19 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Mr. Smith was a long-time member of
20 Nicholson United Methodist Church, where he held numerous leadership positions, including
21 lay leader, administrative board chair, Sunday school superintendent, Sunday school teacher,

22 church treasurer, church trustee, pastor-parish relations committee, and lay delegate to the
23 North Georgia Annual Conference; and

24 WHEREAS, a community leader, Mr. Smith served as scout master for Boy Scout Troop 86
25 and received a grant for the creation of the Nicholson Water Association, which he ran for
26 many years with his wife; and

27 WHEREAS, Mr. Smith possesses the vast wisdom which only comes through experience and
28 the strength of character which is achieved through overcoming the many challenges of life;
29 and

30 WHEREAS, a kind and generous man, Mr. Smith brings joy and happiness to his many
31 friends, neighbors, and family members who have the great pleasure of knowing him; and

32 WHEREAS, by the example Mr. Smith has made of his life, he makes this world a better
33 place in which to live, and it is only fitting and proper that he be appropriately recognized
34 during this very special and memorable time of his life.

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
36 the members of this body commend Mr. Hoyt R. Smith for his loving and dedicated service
37 to the members of his family and the citizens of his community, congratulate him upon the
38 grand occasion of his 100th birthday, and extend to him best wishes for continued health and
39 happiness.

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 Mr. Hoyt R. Smith.