

House Resolution 1578

By: Representatives Beasley-Teague of the 65th, Brooks of the 63rd, Kendrick of the 94th, and Smyre of the 132nd

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Bud Smith; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, a native of Atlanta, Bud Smith has become a legendary photographer since he
3 found his calling as a teenager; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Bud Smith was inspired by his mentor, Raymond Simon, who provided Bud
5 with the foundation he needed to launch his career; and
- 6 WHEREAS, his first major life-altering photography event presented itself at the age of 19
7 following the untimely death of Martin Luther King, Jr.; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Bud Smith, an African American man, attempted to document the atrocious
9 episodes of the times with a camera setting the stage for what would be the career of a
10 lifetime; and
- 11 WHEREAS, he was drafted into the United States Army in 1969, and due to his upbringing
12 as it related to nonviolence and the teachings of Martin Luther King, Jr., he signed up to
13 serve an additional year training as a dental hygienist and serving his time in Korea, out of
14 the line of fire; and
- 15 WHEREAS, Bud Smith has been blessed with phenomenal opportunities, including
16 photographing the Martin Luther King Legacy and composing photojournalism for
17 publications such as *Ebony*, *Jet*, *Life*, *Time*, *Black Enterprise*, and *Homes of Color*; and
- 18 WHEREAS, he has partnered with numerous corporations and nonprofit organizations,
19 including Anheuser-Busch, Kraft Foods, Exxon Mobil, the United Negro College Fund, the
20 National Black Arts Festival, the Atlanta Convention and Visitors Bureau (ACVB), and the
21 Atlanta chapter of Big Brothers and Big Sisters; and

22 WHEREAS, he was part of an exhibit at Mason Murer Fine Art Gallery in Atlanta in 2009;
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24 WHEREAS, he was the first photographer for the final tour of the Jackson Five in New
25 Orleans in 1979 and did work for Michael Jackson in 1984 during the Thriller Show at the
26 Ritz Carlton in downtown Atlanta; and

27 WHEREAS, Bud Smith has dedicated his career to making a difference in his community
28 and the lives of others, and his many achievements are worthy of recognition.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
30 the members of this body recognize Bud Smith for his amazing artistic career and commend
31 his incredible work.

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 Bud Smith.