

House Resolution 1593

By: Representative Cooper of the 41st

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring and celebrating the 75th birthday of Ms. Grace Sophia Francis Smith; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Ms. Grace Sophia Francis Smith was born on February 25, 1937, in Port of
4 Spain, Trinidad, a beloved daughter of the late Barbara Watson; and

5 WHEREAS, she is a proud and shining example of enduring love and affection and has seen
6 her progeny grow and flourish over a span of three descending generations; and

7 WHEREAS, she was united in love and marriage to United States Navy Seaman, Edgar
8 Smith, in 1959 and was blessed with three remarkable children, Arlene, Eddie, and Sharon,
9 six wonderful grandchildren, and one adored great-grandchild; and

10 WHEREAS, she attended Catholic schools and, since coming to the United States, has lived
11 in Florida, Connecticut, New York, Texas, California, and Georgia; and

12 WHEREAS, Ms. Smith is proud of her Trinidadian heritage and equally proud to be a United
13 States Citizen; and

14 WHEREAS, she has worked as an administrative assistant for the City of Odessa, a buyer
15 for the Armed Forces Exchanges Stores, an executive assistant for Coca-Cola, and an
16 elementary school paraprofessional for the Fulton County school system; and

17 WHEREAS, an active member in her community, Ms. Smith has served as the treasurer of
18 Sun Valley Estates Home Owners Association; and

19 WHEREAS, a woman of deep and abiding faith, Ms. Smith has been a member of Most
20 Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church for more than 20 years, continues her life in service to

21 God by visiting and ministering to people in need, and remains young at heart through her
22 active participation as a member of the usher board; and

23 WHEREAS, her culinary skills have delighted members of her family and friends for years
24 with her highly renowned food from Trinidad; and

25 WHEREAS, she enjoys gardening, traveling, spending time with her family, and shopping,
26 and she has a love for nourishing people with her cooking; and

27 WHEREAS, this distinguished gentlewoman has given inspiration to many through her high
28 ideals, morals, and deep concern for her fellow citizens, and she possesses the vast wisdom
29 which only comes through experience and the strength of character which is achieved
30 through overcoming the many challenges of life; and

31 WHEREAS, she is a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for
32 integrity, understanding, and kindness, and by the example she has made of her life, she
33 makes this world a better place in which to live, and it is only fitting and proper that she be
34 appropriately recognized during this very special and memorable time of her life.

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
36 the members of this body heartily commend Ms. Grace Sophia Francis Smith for her
37 efficient, effective, unselfish, dedicated, and loving service to the members of her family and
38 the citizens of her community, congratulate her on the occasion of her 75th birthday, and
39 extend to her their most sincere best wishes for continued health and 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 Ms. Grace Sophia Francis
42 Smith.