

House Resolution 178

By: Representatives Bruce of the 61st, Dawkins-Haigler of the 91st, Frazier of the 126th, Scott of the 76th, Jones of the 62nd, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Arthur "Bud" Smith on his outstanding accomplishments and
2 inviting him to be recognized by the House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Arthur "Bud" Smith, a legendary freelance photographer and Atlanta native, has
4 diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time, talents, and energy to
5 perfecting his craft for over 35 years; and

6 WHEREAS, he began his career as a teenager, having caught the eyes of a seasoned
7 freelance photographer, Mr. Raymond Simon, who noticed his rare natural ability to capture
8 the very essence of his targeted subject; and

9 WHEREAS, Bud Smith was presented with his first major, life altering photography event
10 around the time of the untimely death of Martin Luther King, Jr., and began documenting the
11 racial unrest of the South, breaking the taboo of having a black photographer document
12 history with a lens; and

13 WHEREAS, after being drafted into the United States Army in March of 1969, he opted to
14 practice the peaceful teachings of Martin Luther King, Jr., and geared his creative energies
15 into taking dental X-rays; and

16 WHEREAS, he went on to become a staff photographer for Motown and A&M Records,
17 where he had the opportunity to meet and photograph numerous celebrities and entertainers,
18 like Duke Ellington, Dizzy Gillespie, and Tina Turner; and he was also the requested
19 photographer for the final tour of the Jackson Five Victory Tour in 1979; and

20 WHEREAS, this distinguished gentleman also is credited with photographing the Martin
21 Luther King Legacy; composing photojournalism for *Ebony*, *Jet*, and *Life*; partnering with
22 Anheuser Busch, Kraft Foods, and the United Negro College Fund; and photographing
23 Mayors Maynard Jackson and Andrew Young; and

24 WHEREAS, this visionary had a one-year exhibit in New York by the Ford Foundation and
25 has had speaking engagements on photography at the University of Southern California at
26 San Jose; and

27 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
28 remarkable individual be appropriately recognized.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
30 the members of this body commend and recognize Arthur "Bud" Smith on his significant
31 contributions to the State of Georgia and the world of photography and invite him to be
32 recognized by the House of Representatives at a date and time designated by the Speaker of
33 the House of Representatives.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
35 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Arthur "Bud" Smith.