

## Senate Resolution 167

By: Senators Davenport of the 44th, Tate of the 38th, Butler of the 55th, Seay of the 34th, Fort of the 39th and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Mrs. Jo Ellen Smith on the occasion of her retirement; and  
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mrs. Jo Ellen Smith recently retired after a wonderful 30 year career as a  
4 Georgia educator; and

5 WHEREAS, Mrs. Smith was born in Macon, Georgia, a beloved daughter of Joe and Margie  
6 Cannon; and

7 WHEREAS, she graduated from Hanahan High School in Hanahan, South Carolina, in 1978  
8 and received a Bachelor of Science in Special Education from Winthrop College in 1982 and  
9 a Master of Arts in Elementary Education from Piedmont College in 2004; and

10 WHEREAS, Mrs. Smith spent over 28 years of her distinguished career as an educator for  
11 Clayton County, Georgia, teaching at North Clayton Junior High School, South Metro  
12 Psychoeducational Center, Arnold Elementary, and Kilpatrick Elementary, where she  
13 assumed the role of special education consultative teacher; and

14 WHEREAS, she spent a year and a half of her career teaching for Dougherty County,  
15 Georgia; and

16 WHEREAS, Mrs. Smith served as a county level special education employee working county  
17 wide as a behavior intervention specialist and a school improvement specialist; and

18 WHEREAS, a woman of deep and abiding faith, Mrs. Smith is currently a member of Salem  
19 Baptist Church and is active in preschool ministry, youth missions, and youth ministry; and  
20 she has been an assistant camp director for Camp Kaleo, Georgia Royal Ambassadors Camp,  
21 for ten years; and

22 WHEREAS, Mrs. Jo Ellen Smith is united in love and marriage to Brad Smith and the two  
23 have been blessed with two remarkable children, Joel Hunt and Kaylin LeeAnna.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
25 recognize Mrs. Jo Ellen Smith upon the occasion of her retirement, commend her for 30  
26 years of dedication, patience, and compassion as an educator, and wish her many more years  
27 of health and happiness.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
29 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mrs. Jo Ellen Smith.