

House Resolution 392

By: Representative Waites of the 60th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of Shawn Antonio Smiley and inviting his family members
2 to be recognized by the House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens
4 with the passing of Shawn Antonio Smiley, who died in the line of duty on November 3,
5 2012; and

6 WHEREAS, Shawn Smiley was born on September 16, 1972, in Atlanta, Georgia, a beloved
7 son of Carole A. Smiley and the late William Crumbley; and

8 WHEREAS, he attended Pathway Christian Preparatory Academy and Sol C. Johnson High
9 School, and he later graduated summa cum laude from Savannah State University, where he
10 earned a Bachelor of Science degree in mechanical engineering; and

11 WHEREAS, in December, 1996, Shawn was commissioned as a first lieutenant in the United
12 States Navy, where he was assigned to the Helicopter Training Squadron Eighteen; and

13 WHEREAS, he pursued a career with the Atlanta Police Department and joined the
14 department's Helicopter Unit in July of 2012; and

15 WHEREAS, he had a passion for giving back to his community, serving at the Savannah
16 Salvation Army and volunteering with the Organization of Black Airline Pilots ACE
17 Academy, and he also was a naturally gifted musician and loved all types of music; and

18 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Shawn accepted Christ at an early age and
19 joined Overcoming Faith Church in Savannah, Georgia, and later he reaffirmed his
20 commitment to Christ at First Baptist of Atlanta, where he was baptized; and

21 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to Terra L. Jones, and they were blessed
22 with three remarkable children, Victoria, Elizabeth, and William; and

23 WHEREAS, he is survived by his wife, children, mother, and a host of other relatives and
24 friends; and

25 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Shawn will long be remembered for his
26 love of family and friendship, and he will be missed by all who had the great fortune of
27 knowing him.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
29 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Shawn Antonio Smiley,
30 express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing, and invite his family members
31 to be recognize by the House of Representatives at a date and time designated by the Speaker
32 of the House of Representatives.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
34 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Shawn
35 Antonio Smiley.