

House Resolution 663

By: Representative Beasley-Teague of the 65<sup>th</sup>

#### A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Representative Calvin Smyre; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Representative Calvin Smyre has long been admired by the citizens of this state  
3 for his astute leadership in the Georgia House of Representatives; and
- 4 WHEREAS, his outstanding career path has taken him from being a community organizer  
5 and director of the "War on Poverty" program in Columbus, Georgia, to his current position  
6 in the House of Representatives; and
- 7 WHEREAS, at only 26 years old, Representative Smyre was elected to the House of  
8 Representatives in 1974 as its youngest member; and
- 9 WHEREAS, he is now a 38 year legislative veteran and one of the "Deans," serving on the  
10 most important panels of the House, including the Appropriations Committee, Rules  
11 Committee, and the House Minority Caucus; and
- 12 WHEREAS, a man who has been instrumental in the passage of several historic laws,  
13 Representative Smyre holds a distinguished legislative record; over his dedicated years of  
14 service, he has been selected as one of the "Ten Best Legislators" in the state, a national  
15 "Legislator of the Year," and twice as "Citizen of the Year"; and
- 16 WHEREAS, Representative Smyre has served as an important and trusted adviser during  
17 several state-wide and national campaigns as well as the first African American to chair the  
18 Democratic Party of Georgia; and
- 19 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding love for God, Representative Smyre is a life-long  
20 member of Ward Chapel A.M.E. Church in Columbus, Georgia, where he serves as a  
21 member of the Board of Trustees; and

22 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting that the outstanding accomplishments of this beloved  
23 citizen of Columbus, the State of Georgia, and the United States be appropriately recognized  
24 and commended.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
26 the members of this body recognize Representative Calvin Smyre for his devotion to serving  
27 the needs of all Georgians and commend him for his vital role in the Georgia House of  
28 Representatives.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
30 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Representative Calvin  
31 Smyre.