

House Resolution 1998

By: Representatives Wilkerson of the 38th, Evans of the 42nd, Bruce of the 61st, Smith of the 41st, and Sharper of the 177th

A RESOLUTION

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

3 WHEREAS, Mrs. Donna Smith, a science teacher at Russell Elementary School in Smyrna,
4 Georgia, is retiring after completing 38 years of outstanding service in education; and

5 WHEREAS, for eight years, she has devoted many hours beyond the school day to prepare
6 Russell Elementary School's fourth and fifth grade students to participate in the Russell
7 Elementary Space Program; and

8 WHEREAS, Mrs. Smith was well qualified in her training to lead multiple missions,
9 receiving her training at programs such as the NASA Educational Workshop, the Civil Air
10 Patrol for Educators, the International Space Station Conference for Educators, Space Camp
11 for Teachers, Advanced Space Camp for Teachers, and Mars Robotics Training; and

12 WHEREAS, over the years she has received various grants for aerospace activities to use in
13 instructing students participating in the Russell Space Team; and

14 WHEREAS, she trained the students for their missions and taught them how to read
15 schematic diagrams detailing different systems that they used when the Russell Space Team
16 astronaut crew was sealed inside a full-scale simulator for over 24 hours; and

17 WHEREAS, Mrs. Smith slept overnight at the school with the Russell Mission Control Team
18 during the missions; and

19 WHEREAS, she has earned the admiration and respect of her students and colleagues due
20 to her dedication, collegiality, creativity, enthusiasm, professionalism, and hard work; and

21 WHEREAS, there can be no doubt that Mrs. Donna Smith has made a difference in the lives
22 of her students and in the quality of education offered at Russell Elementary School, and in
23 doing so has had a positive impact on the State of Georgia that will linger long after her
24 retirement.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
26 the members of this body recognize Mrs. Donna Smith on the occasion of her retirement,
27 commend her for 38 years of dedication, patience, and compassion as an educator, and
28 express their gratitude for her unselfish service to this state as an educator and mentor of our
29 youth.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
31 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mrs. Donna Smith.