

Senate Resolution 503

By: Senator Mullis of the 53rd

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life of Wesley Smith; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Mr. Wesley Smith was born in Whitwell, Tennessee, to J.W. and Billie Faye
3 Moiser Smith, but he called Ringgold, Georgia, home for the past 43 years; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Mr. Smith worked in the banking industry for over 50 years, starting as a teller
5 for Pioneer Bank in 1965 and retiring as CEO and Chairman of Northwest Georgia Bank,
6 where he served on the board for as long as his health permitted; and
- 7 WHEREAS, Mr. Smith was a former chairman of the Georgia Bankers Association and
8 served on the American Bankers Association Board of Directors; and
- 9 WHEREAS, Mr. Smith understood and demonstrated the importance of serving one's
10 community by serving as deacon at several area churches and was also a member of the
11 Gathering Church in Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia; and
- 12 WHEREAS, Mr. Smith was a strong community supporter and civic leader, helping to found
13 the Catoosa County Chamber of Commerce, and through his leadership the Northwest
14 Georgia Bank Foundation donated more than \$1 million to local charities and constructed
15 the Northwest Georgia Bank Amphitheatre; and
- 16 WHEREAS, Mr. Smith served as treasurer for Governor Nathan Deal's gubernatorial
17 campaign and served on his transition team; and
- 18 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the extraordinary accomplishments of
19 this distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
21 honor the life of Mr. Wesley Smith for his unyielding commitment to the community of
22 Northwest Georgia and his outstanding citizenship.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
24 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to his wife, Shirley
25 York Smith.