

House Resolution 840

By: Representatives Howard of the 124th, Sims of the 123rd, Frazier of the 126th, Smith of the 125th, and Prince of the 127th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Coach Otis L. Smart for his dedicated service to Lucy C. Laney High School;
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Coach Otis L. Smart honorably serves as athletic director and varsity girl's
4 basketball coach at Lucy C. Laney High School; and

5 WHEREAS, the Laney High School Varsity Girl's Basketball Team won its first GHSA
6 Girl's AAA Basketball State Championship on March 7, 2015, under Coach Smart's excellent
7 leadership; and

8 WHEREAS, Coach Smart's teams won state runner-up in 1995 and 2013 and made an
9 impressive seven straight trips to the final four and 14 semifinal appearances; and

10 WHEREAS, his teams won region champion 19 times, region runner-up five times, and
11 sub-region champion two times; and

12 WHEREAS, Coach Smart was honored as 2015 3AAA Athletic Director of the Year, 2013
13 AA Athletic Director of the Year, and Coach of the Year 16 times; and

14 WHEREAS, this outstanding coach, who holds an impressive 756-162 win record, was
15 inducted into the Atlanta Tipoff Club Hall of Fame in 2001 and into the Hall of Fame for
16 Claflin University on February 18, 2011; and

17 WHEREAS, Coach Smart coached the GHSA All-Star Game in 2009, and on December 2,
18 2011, the Otis L. Smart Floor was unveiled; and

19 WHEREAS, the dedication and hard work of Coach Smart serves as an inspiration to the
20 students and athletes with which he works on a daily basis, and it is abundantly fitting and
21 proper that this distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized by this body.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
23 the members of this body commend Coach Otis L. Smart for his dedicated service to Lucy
24 C. Laney High School and extend their most sincere best wishes for continued health,
25 happiness, and success.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
27 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
28 Coach Otis L. Smart.