

Senate Resolution 847

By: Senator Mullis of the 53rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life of Mr. L. Wesley Smith and dedicating an intersection in his memory; and
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mr. L. Wesley Smith was born in Whitwell, Tennessee, to J.W. and Billie Faye
4 Moiser Smith but called Ringgold, Georgia, home for 43 years; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Smith was widely recognized for the vital role that he played in leadership
6 and his deep personal commitment to the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

7 WHEREAS, he dedicated his career to the banking industry for more than 50 years, starting
8 as a bank teller for Pioneer Bank in 1965 and retiring as CEO and chairman of Northwest
9 Georgia Bank where he served on the board for as long as his health permitted; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Smith was a former chairman of the Georgia Bankers Association and also
11 served on the American Bankers Association Board of Directors; and

12 WHEREAS, he understood and demonstrated the importance of serving one's community
13 by serving as deacon at several area churches and also was a member of Gathering Church
14 in Fort Oglethorpe; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Smith was a strong community supporter and civic leader, helping to found
16 the Catoosa County Chamber of Commerce and through his leadership the Northwest
17 Georgia Bank Foundation donated more than \$1 million to local charities and constructed
18 the Northwest Georgia Bank Amphitheater; and

19 WHEREAS, he served as treasurer for Governor Nathan Deal's gubernatorial campaign and
20 served on his transition team; and

21 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished
22 Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating an intersection in his memory.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL
24 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the intersection of U.S. Highway 41 and Georgia Highway
25 151 in Catoosa County is dedicated as the L. Wesley Smith Memorial Intersection.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
27 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the L. Wesley Smith Memorial
28 Intersection.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
30 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the family of Mr.
31 L. Wesley Smith and to the Department of Transportation.