

Senate Resolution 870

By: Senators Miller of the 49th, Wilkinson of the 50th, Bethel of the 54th, Ginn of the 47th, Gooch of the 51st and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Encouraging the United States House of Representatives to designate the Federal Building
2 and United States Courthouse located at 121 Spring Street SE, in Gainesville, Georgia, as the
3 Sidney Olsin Smith, Jr., Federal Building and United States Courthouse; and for other
4 purposes.

5 WHEREAS, former U.S. District Judge Sidney O. Smith, Jr., was a champion for justice,
6 education, and family and passionate about doing what was right, understanding the laws of
7 the land, and loving one another; and

8 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United
9 States Army, valiantly and courageously protecting his fellow Americans during World War
10 II; and

11 WHEREAS, after attending Harvard University for his undergraduate degree, Judge Smith
12 received his law degree from the University of Georgia in 1949; and

13 WHEREAS, highly successful in his field, he served as an assistant solicitor general for ten
14 years and state court judge for almost three years before former President Lyndon B. Johnson
15 appointed him to the federal bench in 1965; and

16 WHEREAS, involved in his community, Judge Smith served as a board member for the
17 former Brenau College in Gainesville and was instrumental in the efforts to turn Brenau into
18 a doctoral degree granting institution.

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
20 join in hereby respectfully encouraging the United States House of Representatives to
21 designate the Federal Building and United States Courthouse located at 121 Spring Street SE,
22 in Gainesville, Georgia, as the Sidney Olsin Smith, Jr., Federal Building and United States
23 Courthouse.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
25 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the public and the
26 press.