

Senate Resolution 1127

By: Senators Jackson of the 2nd and Sims of the 12th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending and congratulating Ms. Albertha Moore Smith; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Ms. Albertha Moore Smith was born on March 9, 1916, in Savannah, Georgia,
3 and this year she enjoys the rare distinction of celebrating her 100th birthday; and
- 4 WHEREAS, receiving her early education in Savannah Public Schools, Ms. Smith earned
5 a bachelor's degree from Georgia State College, now Savannah State University, and a
6 master's degree from New York University; and
- 7 WHEREAS, Ms. Smith exhibited exceptional entrepreneurial skills, leading the charge for
8 building and establishing the first lunchroom that served hot meals at Monteith Elementary
9 School during her first full-time teaching assignment; and
- 10 WHEREAS, she extended her community involvement by enlisting students and parents to
11 help plant a vegetable garden next to the lunchroom so that students could have garden fresh
12 vegetables on a daily basis; and
- 13 WHEREAS, Ms. Smith enriched the lives of many students with her innovative and effective
14 teaching methods for which she was elected Teacher of the Year twice, once at Monteith
15 Elementary School and once at Sol C. Johnson Elementary School; and
- 16 WHEREAS, she supervised numerous first-year teachers with the development of effective
17 teaching strategies; and
- 18 WHEREAS, Ms. Smith was a dedicated and active member of several organizations,
19 including the National Education Association, the Chatham County Association of
20 Education, Local PTAs, and the NAACP; and

21 WHEREAS, Ms. Smith was a devoted Catholic of St. Benedict Catholic Church and a
22 member of several Catholic organizations, such as the Council of Catholic Women, Legion
23 of Mary, and interim organists; and

24 WHEREAS, the outstanding leadership, dedication, and personal involvement Ms. Smith has
25 demonstrated in her 30-year career as a full-time educator and 20 years as a substitute teacher
26 is a testament to her genuine care, concern, and love for the education profession; and

27 WHEREAS, she has two beloved daughters, JoAnne Smith and Minnie Lockhart, from her
28 union to Maurice Smith; two wonderful grandsons, Shaka and David; and four
29 great-grandchildren, Brandon, Makenzie, Mia, and Miles; and

30 WHEREAS, she and her husband worked untiringly to help citizens vote; and

31 WHEREAS, by the example she has made of her life, Ms. Smith makes this world a better
32 place in which to live, and it is only fitting and proper that she be appropriately recognized
33 during this very special and memorable time of her life.

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
35 commend Ms. Albertha Moore Smith for her unselfish, dedicated, and loving service to the
36 members of her family and the citizens of her community and state, congratulate her on the
37 remarkable occasion of her 100th birthday, and extend the most sincere best wishes for
38 continued health and happiness.

39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
40 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Ms. Albertha
41 Moore Smith.