

Senate Resolution 802

By: Senator Jackson of the 2nd

### A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the lives and memories of Rabia Smith and Sylvia Smith-Harris; and for other  
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of two of its most distinguished citizens  
4 with the passing of Rabia Smith on January 11, 2018, and Sylvia Smith-Harris on January  
5 19, 2018; and

6 WHEREAS, Rabia Smith was born on October 27, 1945, in Braddock, Pennsylvania, and  
7 Sylvia Smith-Harris was born on April 17, 1947, in Braddock, Pennsylvania, both beloved  
8 daughters of Charles Leo Smith and Mabel Majeeda Arnett-Smith; and

9 WHEREAS, Rabia was united in love and marriage to her husband, Wallace, and was  
10 blessed with three remarkable children, Wallace, Warren, and Walter; and four wonderful  
11 grandchildren, Dana, Racheal, Xavier, and Gabriel; and

12 WHEREAS, Sylvia was united in love and marriage to her husband, Linwood, and was  
13 blessed with four remarkable children, Sherri, Linwood, Lisa, and Charles; three wonderful  
14 grandchildren, Chan, Christopher, and Sharif; and four incredible great-grandchildren,  
15 Daniel, Savannah, Chyan, and Tenaija; and

16 WHEREAS, these two sisters gave inspiration to many through their high ideals, morals, and  
17 deep concern for their fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding they  
18 demonstrated to their families and friends were admired by others; and

19 WHEREAS, they were women of magnanimous strengths with unimpeachable reputations  
20 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness, and by the example they made of their  
21 lives, they made this world a better place in which to live; and

22 WHEREAS, compassionate and generous women, Rabia and Sylvia will long be  
23 remembered for their love of family and friendship and will be missed by all who had the  
24 great fortune of knowing them.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
26 join in honoring the lives and memories of Rabia Smith and Sylvia Smith-Harris and express  
27 their deepest and most sincere regret at their passing.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
29 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the families of  
30 Rabia Smith and Sylvia Smith-Harris.