

House Resolution 1577

By: Representatives Buckner of the 137th and Rhodes of the 120th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending and congratulating Alice Bankston Smith; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Alice Bankston Smith was born on April 19, 1918, in Wilkes County, Rayle,
3 Georgia, and this year she enjoys the rare distinction of celebrating her 100th birthday; and
- 4 WHEREAS, the devotion, patience, and understanding she has demonstrated have provided
5 the foundation of success from which her family members have developed and flourished;
6 and
- 7 WHEREAS, this distinguished gentlewoman has given inspiration to many through her high
8 ideals, morals, and deep concern for her fellow citizens; and
- 9 WHEREAS, Alice possesses the vast wisdom which only comes through experience and the
10 strength of character which is achieved through overcoming the many challenges of life; and
- 11 WHEREAS, a resident of Athens, Georgia, she is a person of magnanimous strengths with
12 an unimpeachable reputation for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness; and
- 13 WHEREAS, Alice was united in love and marriage to her husband K.C. Smith; obtained
14 employment as a seamstress at Manford Sewing Company in Chicago, Illinois, where she
15 worked 30 years before her retirement; and continued her work with the NAACP on local
16 civil rights projects and with community organizations to provide food and clothing to those
17 in need; and
- 18 WHEREAS, a woman of deep and abiding faith, she is an active member of Pleasant Grove
19 Baptist Church, attending regular services, Sunday school, and Bible study; and
- 20 WHEREAS, a kind and generous person, Alice brings joy and happiness to her family and
21 to the many friends and neighbors who have the great pleasure of knowing her; and

22 WHEREAS, she has witnessed a dramatic change in the world over the course of her
23 lifetime, and we salute her contribution to its progress by her own hard work and good
24 citizenship; and

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

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
29 the members of this body commend Alice Bankston Smith for her unselfish, dedicated, and
30 loving service to the members of her family and community; congratulate her on the
31 remarkable occasion of her 100th birthday; and extend their most sincere best wishes for
32 continued health and happiness.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
34 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Alice
35 Bankston Smith.