

Senate Resolution 501

By: Senators Anderson of the 43rd, Davenport of the 44th, James of the 35th, Harbison of the 15th, Lucas of the 26th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Mr. Rickey Smiley for his professional talents and
2 philanthropic work; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Rickey Smiley has become one of the entertainment industry's most
4 celebrated performers through his various artistic works; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Smiley's body of work includes the nationally syndicated radio program,
6 *The Rickey Smiley Morning Show*, which reaches millions of listeners in over 65 markets
7 across the country; and

8 WHEREAS, he also appears on the weekly FOX network hit show, *Dish Nation*, and is the
9 star and executive producer of the TV One docu-series, *Rickey Smiley For Real*, which
10 depicts the balancing act of a working radio host, comedian, business mogul, and
11 philanthropist with the joys and pains of being a single father of four; and

12 WHEREAS, in 2017, the National Association of Broadcasters recognized his excellence in
13 broadcasting and awarded him the prestigious Macaroni Award for Network/Syndicated
14 Personality of the Year; and

15 WHEREAS, a celebrated author, Mr. Smiley's works include his memoir, *Stand By Your
16 Truth: And Then Run For Your Life*; and

17 WHEREAS, he is a member of two national comedy tours: Martin Lawrence's LIT AF Tour
18 and Mike Epps Platinum Comedy Tour; and

19 WHEREAS, a generous and caring man, Mr. Smiley spends his free time helping
20 underserved youth and seniors and is a proud member of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity and
21 Kappa Kappa Psi National Band Fraternity; and

22 WHEREAS, this talented actor, comedian, author, and citizen of Georgia deserves much
23 praise and recognition for all of his many accomplishments.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
25 commend Mr. Rickey Smiley for his professional talents and philanthropic work.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
27 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Mr. Rickey
28 Smiley.