

Senate Resolution 620

By: Senator Jones of the 25th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Avery "Ava" Cook Smith for her outstanding public service
2 as Butts County's registrar and elections director for 43 years; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Avery "Ava" Cook Smith has long been recognized by the citizens of this state
4 for the vital role that she has played in local elections and her deep personal commitment to
5 the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, she has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of her time,
7 talents, and energy toward the betterment of her community and state, as evidenced
8 dramatically by her superlative service with Butts County; and

9 WHEREAS, Avery oversaw the purchase of a balator machine, which has allowed the
10 county to print some of their own absentee ballots and save money and time; and

11 WHEREAS, as registrar and elections director, she merged all of the historic precincts to
12 save the county a great deal of money, and she has limited election fraud by keeping accurate
13 records and staying organized; and

14 WHEREAS, in 2017, Avery won The Ann Hicks Award from the State Elections
15 Association in recognition of her outstanding achievements as an elections official; and

16 WHEREAS, her significant organizational and leadership talents, remarkable patience and
17 diplomacy, keen sense of vision, and sensitivity to the needs of the citizens of this state have
18 earned her the respect and admiration of her colleagues and associates; and

19 WHEREAS, she is a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for
20 integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness; and

21 WHEREAS, she has served with honor and distinction with the Butts County Registrar and
22 Elections office, and her vision and unyielding commitment to fair elections have set the
23 standard for public service; and

24 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
25 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
27 recognize and commend Avery "Ava" Cook Smith for her efficient, effective, unselfish, and
28 dedicated public service to the State of Georgia; congratulate her upon the grand occasion
29 of her retirement; and extend the most sincere best wishes for continued health and
30 happiness.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
32 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Avery "Ava" Cook
33 Smith.