

Senate Resolution 120

By: Senators Butler of the 55th, Orrock of the 36th and Harbin of the 16th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Mitchell Smith; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Mitchell Smith was elected as director of UAW Region 8 in June 2018 and has
3 since then served admirably in that capacity; and

4 WHEREAS, he previously served with the utmost diligence and care as assistant director of
5 the union's Transnational Department, assisting employees working at Japanese, South
6 Korean, and German original equipment manufacturers and German parts suppliers in the
7 United States; and

8 WHEREAS, Smith was appointed by UAW President Ron Gettelfinger in 2005 to the
9 position of international representative of Region 8, performing excellent work in that
10 capacity including servicing various local unions throughout the South; and

11 WHEREAS, he has provided decades of loyal membership and service to the UAW, joining
12 in January 1986 and becoming a member of Local 882 in Atlanta, Georgia, while working
13 as a maintenance electrician at Ford Motor Company; and

14 WHEREAS, demonstrating his leadership and the trust he had earned, his coworkers elected
15 him from 1987 to 1999 as a member of the skilled trades committee and as a member of the
16 unit bargaining committee; and

17 WHEREAS, from 2002 to 2005, his local elected him building chairperson in further
18 recognition of his capability and leadership, and while at Local 882, he served diligently in
19 various positions; and

20 WHEREAS, demonstrating a firm commitment to the responsibilities of citizenship, Smith
21 has remained politically active and has been involved in various Democratic campaigns in
22 Georgia since 1988; and

23 WHEREAS, showing his dedication to his faith, he currently serves as lay pastor for Grace
24 Community Fellowship Church; and

25 WHEREAS, he is a husband to his wife, Charmaine; a father to his three children, Lacie,
26 Tyler, and Emily; and a grandfather to his three grandchildren Hampton, Tobi, and Scout;
27 and

28 WHEREAS, as he has retired on December 31, 2022, after a long and highly successful
29 career, it is abundantly fitting that his many acts of service and leadership deserve the utmost
30 respect and reverent recognition.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
32 recognize and commend the tremendous and deeply valuable service of Mitchell Smith.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
34 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Mitchell Smith.