

Senate Resolution 822

By: Senators Davenport of the 17th, Wicks of the 34th and Parent of the 44th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Dr. Anthony W. Smith; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Dr. Anthony W. Smith has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for
3 the vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the
4 welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

5 WHEREAS, he has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,
6 talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced
7 dramatically by his superlative service with Clayton County Public Schools; and

8 WHEREAS, as Superintendent of Clayton County Public Schools, Dr. Anthony W. Smith
9 leads one of the nation's top 100 largest school districts and the sixth largest school system
10 in the State of Georgia; and

11 WHEREAS, Dr. Anthony W. Smith is highly regarded as a dedicated leader with a
12 transformative and innovative approach to education, designed to improve the educational
13 experience and outcomes of all students; and

14 WHEREAS, Dr. Anthony W. Smith was instrumental in the re-establishment of the Clayton
15 County Public Schools Foundation, which has raised millions of dollars used to support
16 students by providing thousands of scholarships to graduating seniors and sponsoring
17 numerous employee initiatives; and

18 WHEREAS, Dr. Anthony W. Smith further supports his community through civic and social
19 activities, including being a member of the Masonic Order (Prince Hall) and New Hope
20 Methodist Church as well as participating in the Stockbridge Jonesboro Alumni Chapter of
21 Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated; and

22 WHEREAS, his efficient and effective commitment to excellence has been recognized by
23 his peers through the many decorations and awards he has received, including but not limited
24 to the 2015 Outstanding Servant in Educational Leadership Award from the Association of
25 Christian Ministers of Clayton County, a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Clayton
26 County Chamber of Commerce, as well as being named the 2025-2026 Superintendent to
27 Watch by the National School Public Relations Association; and

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

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
31 recognize and commend Dr. Anthony W. Smith and extend their sincere best wishes for his
32 continued health, happiness, and success.

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 Dr. Anthony W.
35 Smith.