

## Senate Resolution 62

By: Senators Jackson of the 2nd, Jones of the 10th, Harbison of the 15th and Rahman of the 5th

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing United States Olympian Tommie Smith for his protest for human rights during  
2 the 1968 Summer Olympic Games; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, United States athlete Tommie Smith won the 200 meter track and field race  
4 with a then world-record time of 19.83 seconds in the 1968 Summer Olympic Games; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Smith received his medal shoeless, but wearing black socks, to represent  
6 Black poverty; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Smith wore a black scarf around his neck to represent Black pride and an  
8 Olympic Project for Human Rights badge; and

9 WHEREAS, upon receiving his medal, while on the podium during the playing of the United  
10 States national anthem, Mr. Smith raised a black-gloved fist in salute of human rights and  
11 Black self-determination; and

12 WHEREAS, the protest of Mr. Smith is one of the most iconic in sports history and served  
13 its purpose of bringing attention to the plights of others and serving as a protest model for  
14 later generations in using their sports and other platforms to inspire social change; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Smith, a Georgian, has continued his work in improving the lives of  
16 Georgians and in communities across this nation in the years since 1968.

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that Tommie Smith is  
18 recognized for his protest for human rights during the 1968 Summer Olympic Games.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
20 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to Mr. Tommie Smith,  
21 the public, and the press.