

House Resolution 1125

By: Representatives Beckles of the 96th, Ford of the 170th, Hugley of the 141st, Efstoration of the 104th, Gisler of the 121st, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and honoring the life, service, and legacy of Mayor Waymond Smith of
2 Alapaha, Georgia; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mayor Waymond Smith, 66, of Alapaha, Georgia, entered eternal rest on
4 January 15, 2026, at South Georgia Medical Center in Valdosta; and

5 WHEREAS, Waymond Smith was born June 6, 1959, in Ocilla, Georgia, to Timothy Smith,
6 Sr., and Verlie Mae Smith, the fourth child in a loving family, and graduated from Berrien
7 High School in 1979; and

8 WHEREAS, Waymond dedicated over three decades of his professional life to Amoco
9 Fabric and was currently employed with Winfab in Nashville, Georgia, demonstrating a
10 strong work ethic, integrity, and commitment to excellence in every endeavor he undertook;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Waymond devoted 30 years as a proud member of the Alapaha Volunteer Fire
13 Department, serving his community with courage and dedication; and

14 WHEREAS, Waymond served 22 years as an elected official and 18 years as the beloved
15 Mayor of Alapaha, guiding the town with wisdom, compassion, and an unwavering
16 dedication to the well-being of others; and

17 WHEREAS, his knowledge of municipal policies and law, paired with his genuine concern
18 for his neighbors, left a lasting impact on all who had the privilege to know him; and

19 WHEREAS, Waymond was a founding member of The Gospelairens of Georgia, a beloved
20 gospel quartet founded in the 1970s, serving as guitarist and backup singer alongside his
21 brother Tim and cherishing every moment spent making music with family and friends; and

22 WHEREAS, his deep faith, devotion to family, and lifelong passion for gospel music blessed
23 audiences and created a lasting legacy that continues today, including through his son
24 Antwan who joined the group as a drummer; and

25 WHEREAS, Waymond was known for his humor, warmth, and remarkable gift for making
26 everyone feel valued and loved, with laughter that could brighten a room and words of
27 encouragement that left an indelible mark on friends, family, and colleagues alike; and

28 WHEREAS, he leaves to cherish his memory his children: Antwan (Jalisa) Smith, Verlitha
29 (Benjamin) Reiss, and Xaveon (Chika) Wilson; his mother: Verlie M. Smith; his siblings:
30 Rudolph Smith, Carlethia Nixon, Rose Marie Smith, Wilhelmina Smith, and Edwinda
31 Reeves; along with cherished grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, and countless friends
32 whose lives he touched in profound ways.

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
34 the members of this body recognize and honor the exceptional life and service of Mayor

35 Waymond Smith and express their deepest sympathy to his family, friends, and the
36 community of Alapaha upon his passing.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
38 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
39 family of Mayor Waymond Smith.