

House Resolution 2002

By: Representatives Howard of the 71<sup>st</sup>, Huddleston of the 72<sup>nd</sup>, Smith of the 18<sup>th</sup>, and Smith of the 70<sup>th</sup>

### A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of Howard Edward Smith; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens  
3 with the passing of Howard Edward Smith on March 14, 2026; and

4 WHEREAS, Howard Edward Smith, known to most as "Big Ed" and affectionately called  
5 "Biggs" by his grandchildren, was born in Clarkesville, Georgia, a beloved son of Garnett  
6 Edward and Mazie Dockery Smith; and

7 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Ed was an active member of First Baptist  
8 Church for over sixty years; and

9 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to his wife, Louise, and was blessed with  
10 three remarkable children, Brad, Marty, and Chris, as well as seven wonderful grandchildren  
11 and five magnificent great grandchildren; and

12 WHEREAS, he gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep concern  
13 for his fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding he demonstrated to his  
14 family and friends were admired by others; and

15 WHEREAS, deeply devoted to his community, Ed was well known for performing  
16 anonymous acts of kindness, preferring to help others without fanfare or recognition; and

17 WHEREAS, he was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation  
18 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness, and by the example he made of his life, he  
19 made this world a better place in which to live; and

20 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Ed will long be remembered for his love  
21 of family, friendship, and community and will be missed by all who had the great fortune of  
22 knowing him.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
24 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Howard Edward Smith and  
25 express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
27 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the  
28 family of Howard Edward Smith..