

House Resolution 221

By: Representatives Frazier of the 126th, Williams of the 168th, Alexander of the 66th, Howard of the 129th, and Hugley of the 141st

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Mary Smalls Bennett on her outstanding public service; and
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mary Smalls Bennett has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable
4 hours of her time, talents, and energy toward the betterment of her community and state, as
5 evidenced dramatically by her superlative law enforcement career; and

6 WHEREAS, she began her distinguished career with the Waynesboro Police Department,
7 where she served for 38 years and rose through the ranks as a result of her own hard work
8 and dedication, retiring as major in 2016; and

9 WHEREAS, she has additionally served for 34 years as a municipal court clerk, 23 years as
10 a sworn deputy in Burke County, and 20 years as a D.A.R.E. instructor, earning numerous
11 awards and training certifications during her career; and

12 WHEREAS, as further testament to her community involvement, Mary Smalls Bennett is
13 affiliated with many civic and philanthropic organizations, including the Burke County
14 Voter's Project, the Progressive Ladies Social Club, the Watkinsville Baptist Church, and
15 more; and

16 WHEREAS, her significant organizational and leadership talents, remarkable patience and
17 diplomacy, keen sense of vision, and sensitivity to the needs of the people of this state have
18 earned her the respect and admiration of her fellow citizens; and

19 WHEREAS, she is united in love and marriage with her husband, Charles, and the two have
20 been blessed with four remarkable children, Keinon, Shaddar, Yoquan, and Chad; seven
21 wonderful grandchildren, Whitney, Caleeb, Keenan, Diamond, Cameron, Camari, and
22 Camille; and two outstanding great-grandchildren, Mason and Blayke; and

23 WHEREAS, Mary Smalls Bennett has served with honor and distinction, and her vision and
24 unyielding commitment to excellence have set the standard for public service; and

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

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
28 the members of this body recognize and commend Mary Smalls Bennett for her efficient,
29 effective, unselfish, and dedicated public service to the State of Georgia and extend the most
30 sincere best wishes for continued health and happiness.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
32 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Mary
33 Smalls Bennett.