

House Resolution 690

By: Representatives Thomas of the 56th, Beasley-Teague of the 65th, Cannon of the 58th, Williams of the 168th, and Jones of the 53rd

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Mary Rachael 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 Mary Rachael Smith; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Mary was born on January 13, 1921, in Smoaks, South Carolina, a beloved
5 daughter of the late Willie Robert and Daisy Black; and
- 6 WHEREAS, anyone who knew Mary knows she was a hot item; she was the life of the party
7 and was the source of family laughter; and
- 8 WHEREAS, she was able to captivate the attention of everyone around her with her
9 unbelievable stories and dancing; there was never a dull moment with Mary around; and
- 10 WHEREAS, she was united in love and marriage to her husband, Roy Smith, Jr., and was
11 blessed with five remarkable children, Richard, Prenstein, Linda, Sheila, and Roy, and many
12 wonderful grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren; and
- 13 WHEREAS, she gave inspiration to many through her high ideals, morals, and deep concern
14 for her fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding she demonstrated to
15 her family and friends were admired by others; and
- 16 WHEREAS, she was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation
17 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness, and by the example she made of her life,
18 she made this world a better place in which to live; and
- 19 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous woman, Mary will long be remembered for her
20 love of family, friendship, and community and will be missed by all who had the great
21 fortune of knowing her.

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

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