

House Resolution 1355

By: Representatives Collins of the 71st, Huddleston of the 72nd, Smith of the 18th, Smith of the 70th, and Burns of the 159th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life of Mr. James "Richard" Smith and dedicating an intersection in his
2 memory; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mr. James "Richard" Smith was born on February 14, 1940, the beloved son
4 of the late Carl Reese Smith and Reba Mae Walker Smith; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Smith's first job in Villa Rica was in 1967 as the general manager for the
6 Richard's Motor Company Ford Dealership and he went on to purchase the dealership with
7 his brother, Donald; and

8 WHEREAS, in addition to co-founding Don-Rich Ford in Villa Rica, Georgia, Mr. Smith
9 was a beloved local figure and a leader of the business community; and

10 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Mr. Smith was an active member of First
11 Baptist Church of Villa Rica; and

12 WHEREAS, he was a member of the Villa Rica Lion's Club, a director of the Bank of Villa
13 Rica, and a member of the board of directors for Villa Rica Hospital, Tanner Medical Center,
14 and the Tanner Foundation; and

15 WHEREAS, as chairman of the Industrial Development Authority, Mr. Smith oversaw the
16 initial development of the industrial park and helped bring in the park's first business, Lowe's
17 Distribution Center; and

18 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished
19 Georgian be appropriately recognized by dedicating an intersection in his memory.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL
21 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the intersection of State Route 61 and State
22 Route 8/US Route 78 in Carroll County is dedicated as the J. Richard Smith Memorial
23 Intersection.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
25 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the J. Richard Smith Memorial
26 Intersection.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
28 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
29 family of Mr. James "Richard" Smith and to the Department of Transportation.