

House Resolution 1571

By: Representatives Kelley of the 16th, Hitchens of the 161st, Lumsden of the 12th, Collins of the 71st, Smith of the 18th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Major Hoke Gilbert Smith; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, our nation's security continues to rely on patriotic men and women who put
3 their personal lives on hold in order to place themselves in harm's way to protect the
4 freedoms that all United States citizens cherish; and

5 WHEREAS, Major Hoke Gilbert Smith valiantly and courageously served as a guardian of
6 this nation's freedom and liberty with the United States Army from 1953 to 1955, protecting
7 his fellow Americans as part of the famous 187th Regimental Combat Team in Japan and
8 Fort Bragg, North Carolina; and

9 WHEREAS, following his honorable discharge, he selflessly served the State of Georgia for
10 more than 27 years and reached the rank of major and commander of the Georgia State
11 Patrol, where he stood for law, order, ethics, toughness, and above all else, honesty; and

12 WHEREAS, his distinguished tenure contributed greatly to the positive image and values
13 now upheld by each trooper within the Georgia State Patrol, and while serving in the line of
14 duty, he demonstrated his exemplary bravery countless times and earned the unconditional
15 respect of all his fellow officers; and

16 WHEREAS, only those with great strength, discipline, and a firm resolve achieve positions
17 of such status, and Major Hoke Gilbert Smith has brought great credit to himself, his family,
18 this state, and this nation through his outstanding performance and dedication; and

19 WHEREAS, his selfless and heroic actions stand as a shining tribute to the strength of human
20 spirit and willpower, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding
21 accomplishments of this remarkable and distinguished American be appropriately
22 recognized.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
24 the members of this body recognize and commend Major Hoke Gilbert Smith for his
25 effective, unselfish, and dedicated public service to the State of Georgia and this nation and
26 extend the most sincere best wishes for continued health and happiness.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
28 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Major
29 Hoke Gilbert Smith.