

## Senate Resolution 383

By: Senators Beach of the 21st, Mullis of the 53rd, Gooch of the 51st, Jeffares of the 17th, Albers of the 56th and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing John Andrew Smoltz and dedicating a road in his honor; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, John Andrew Smoltz, born May 15, 1967, and nicknamed "Smoltzie," is an  
3 American former baseball pitcher and active sportscaster who played 21 seasons in Major  
4 League Baseball, garnered eight All-Star selections and the 1996 National League Cy Young  
5 Award, and was elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame in 2015, his first year of eligibility; and

6 WHEREAS, he is the only pitcher in major league history to top both 200 wins and 150  
7 saves; in 2008, he became the 16th member of the 3,000 strikeout club; and

8 WHEREAS, John Smoltz was an All-State baseball and basketball player at Waverly High  
9 School in Lansing, Michigan, before he was drafted by the Detroit Tigers, and on  
10 August 12, 1987, he was traded to the Atlanta Braves; and

11 WHEREAS, in the 1996 season, he went 24-8 with a 2.94 ERA and 276 strikeouts, including  
12 winning a franchise record 14 straight decisions, won the National League Cy Young with  
13 26 of the 28 first-place votes, and was awarded a Silver Slugger Award for his batting; and

14 WHEREAS, his career accomplishments include being elected to the National Baseball Hall  
15 of Fame on 82.9 percent of the vote in 2015, being named an eight-time All-Star and the  
16 National League Championship Series MVP in 1992, holding the Atlanta Braves record for  
17 most wins in a season, leading the Major Leagues in strikeouts in 1996 with 276, leading the  
18 national league in win percentage in 1996, winning the National League Rolaids Relief Man  
19 of the Year Award in 2002, holding the Braves record for most saves in a season in 2002  
20 with 55, holding the Braves record for most strikeouts in a career with 3,011, receiving the  
21 Branch Rickey Award for exceptional community service in 2007, being the only MLB  
22 pitcher with more than one post-season stolen base, and incurring 15 post-season wins; and

23 WHEREAS, a born-again Christian, John Smoltz founded and has served as Chairman of the  
24 Board at Alpharetta-based King's Ridge Christian School and is a member of the  
25 Presbyterian Church in America; and

26 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished  
27 Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a road in his honor.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL  
29 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the portion of Milton Parkway from GA 400 to Highway 9  
30 in Fulton County is dedicated as the John Smoltz Highway.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and  
32 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the John Smoltz Highway.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
34 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to John Smoltz and  
35 to the Department of Transportation.