

Senate Resolution 531

By: Senators Orrock of the 36th, Butler of the 55th, Parent of the 42nd, Jones II of the 22nd, Davenport of the 44th and others

### A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Mitchell Smith; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Mitchell Smith was elected as director of UAW Region 8 in June 2018 and has  
3 since then served admirably in that capacity; and
- 4 WHEREAS, he previously served with the utmost diligence and care as assistant director of  
5 the union's Transnational Department, assisting employees working at Japanese, South  
6 Korean, and German original equipment manufacturers and German parts suppliers in the  
7 United States; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Smith was appointed by UAW President Ron Gettelfinger in 2005 to the  
9 position of international representative of Region 8, performing excellent work in that  
10 capacity including servicing various local unions throughout the South; and
- 11 WHEREAS, he has provided decades of loyal membership and service to the UAW, joining  
12 in January 1986 and becoming a member of Local 882 in Atlanta, Georgia, while working  
13 as a maintenance electrician at Ford Motor Company; and

14 WHEREAS, demonstrating his leadership and the trust he had earned, his coworkers elected  
15 him from 1987 to 1999 as a member of the skilled trades committee and as a member of the  
16 unit bargaining committee; and

17 WHEREAS, from 2002 to 2005, his local elected him building chairperson in further  
18 recognition of his capability and leadership, and while at Local 882, he served diligently in  
19 various positions; and

20 WHEREAS, demonstrating a firm commitment to the responsibilities of citizenship, Smith  
21 has remained politically active and has been involved in various Democratic campaigns in  
22 Georgia since 1988; and

23 WHEREAS, showing his dedication to his faith, he currently serves as lay pastor for Grace  
24 Community Fellowship Church; and

25 WHEREAS, he is a husband to his wife, Charmaine; a father to his three children, Lacie,  
26 Tyler, and Emily; and a grandfather to his three grandchildren, Hampton, Tobi, and Scout;  
27 and

28 WHEREAS, as he has retired on December 31, 2022, after a long and highly successful  
29 career, it is abundantly fitting that his many acts of service and leadership deserve the utmost  
30 respect and reverent recognition.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
32 recognize and commend the tremendous and deeply valuable service of Mitchell Smith.

- 33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
34 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Mitchell Smith.