

## Senate Resolution 815

By: Senators Walker III of the 20th, Harper of the 7th, Payne of the 54th, Dugan of the 30th, Miller of the 49th and others

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Arch D. Smith II; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Arch D. Smith II has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the  
3 vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the welfare  
4 of the citizens of Georgia; and
- 5 WHEREAS, he has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,  
6 talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced  
7 dramatically by his superlative service with Georgia 4-H; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Arch's significant organizational and leadership talents, remarkable patience  
9 and diplomacy, keen sense of vision, and sensitivity to the needs of the citizens of this state  
10 have earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues and associates; and
- 11 WHEREAS, in 1985 Arch began his career with the Cooperative Extension Service as a  
12 County Extension Agent in Carroll County, Georgia, and earned a Master of Public  
13 Administration from West Georgia College and State University during that time; and

14 WHEREAS, during his career with the Cooperative Extension Service, he has served as  
15 Extension 4-H specialist/Rock Eagle 4-H Center coordinator, associate State 4-H leader,  
16 Georgia 4-H Foundation executive director, interim state 4-H leader, and the eighth state 4-H  
17 leader in the 110-year history of the University of Georgia 4-H Program; and

18 WHEREAS, his responsibilities with program and foundation are vast and include primary  
19 work with the University of Georgia 4-H Program, which serves more than 171,000 young  
20 people; the staff training of Georgia 4-H agents, program assistants, and volunteers; and for  
21 all personnel and budget issues of the state 4-H office, the five 4-H centers, and the Georgia  
22 4-H Foundation; and

23 WHEREAS, Arch was instrumental in directing "The Pledged for Life Campaign" which  
24 raised more than \$4 million for Georgia 4-H, and by 2007, under his leadership, the Georgia  
25 4-H Foundation had the largest operating budget of any 4-H foundation in the United States;  
26 and

27 WHEREAS, Arch has served on numerous university and college of Agricultural and  
28 Environmental Sciences Committees and currently holds the faculty rank of senior public  
29 service associate at the University of Georgia; and

30 WHEREAS, he is a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for  
31 integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness; and

32 WHEREAS, Arch D. Smith II has served with honor and distinction with Georgia 4-H, and  
33 his vision and unyielding commitment to education have set the standard for public service;  
34 and

35 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this  
36 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

37 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
38 recognize and commend Arch D. Smith II and extend best wishes for future success and  
39 happiness.

40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
41 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Arch D. Smith II.