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NATIONAL COUNCIL OF INSURANCE LEGISLATORS (NCOIL)

Resolution in Honor of Representative Richard Smith, GA

**Adopted by the Executive Committee Meeting on April 14, 2024*

**Sponsored by Rep. Eddie Lumsden (GA); Sen. Larry Walker (GA); Rep. Deborah Ferguson, DDS (AR); Rep. Matt Lehman (IN); Rep. Edmond Jordan (LA); Sen. Paul Utke (MN); Asw. Pam Hunter (NY); Rep. Tom Oliverson, M.D. (TX).*

WHEREAS, Richard Smith served with distinction in the Georgia House of Representatives for 20 years having first been elected in 2004; and

WHEREAS, Richard was a dedicated public servant, always working in the best interest of his constituents, and was an influential leader having held positions including Georgia House Rules Committee Chair and Insurance Committee Chair; and

WHEREAS, Richard was an active NCOIL Executive Committee member and leader, Chaired the Property & Casualty Insurance Committee for several years, and also served on the Health Insurance & Long Term Care Issues Committee, Joint State-Federal Relations & International Insurance Issues Committee, and Life Insurance & Financial Planning Committee; and

WHEREAS, Richard's service was marked not only by his leadership but also by his humility, never caring who received the credit as long as the issues were addressed; and

WHEREAS, Richard was a loving husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather to his wife Clara, children Shannon, Ashley, and Justin, five grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Richard passed away on January 30, 2024 and NCOIL mourns his loss; and

WHEREAS, NCOIL lawmakers and participants remember warmly the times they worked with, laughed with, and grew to know him as truly a good man and a strong leader contained in a quiet, humble personality; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that NCOIL lawmakers Recognize and Honor Representative Smith for his significant personal and professional contributions he made to NCOIL over the years and acknowledges him as a very thoughtful and effective legislator; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that NCOIL, with great appreciation, will send this Resolution to Richard's family in Honor of his Special Place in NCOIL history.