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## NATIONAL COUNCIL OF INSURANCE LEGISLATORS (NCOIL)

### Resolution in Honor of Representative Richard Smith, GA

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*\*To be considered during 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.