

1 A RESOLUTION honoring Elmore "the Rejecter" "Big E" Smith.

2 WHEREAS, Elmore "the Rejecter" "Big E" Smith played basketball for Kentucky
3 State University from 1969 to 1971; and

4 WHEREAS, Elmore Smith anchored his team at Kentucky State University, leading
5 them to two consecutive NAIA Division I men's basketball titles in 1970 and 1971; and

6 WHEREAS, Elmore Smith was named to the All-Tournament Team in 1970 and
7 1971; and

8 WHEREAS, in his final season, Elmore Smith averaged 25.5 points, 24.2 rebounds,
9 and 8.1 blocks per game; and

10 WHEREAS, Elmore Smith was named First-Team All-American as a junior; and

11 WHEREAS, in his three-year career at Kentucky State, Elmore Smith scored 1,813
12 points and grabbed 1,917 rebounds; and

13 WHEREAS, Elmore Smith still holds the collegiate all-divisions record for
14 rebounds in a season with 799 in 1971; and

15 WHEREAS, after his junior season, Elmore Smith was selected as the third overall
16 pick in the National Basketball Association Draft, and played professionally from 1971-
17 1982 for the Buffalo Braves, Cleveland Cavaliers, Milwaukee Bucks, and Los Angeles
18 Lakers; and

19 WHEREAS, Elmore Smith was named National Basketball Association Blocked
20 Shot Champion of the Year in 1972; he still holds the single-game record for most
21 blocked shots in an NBA game with 17; and

22 WHEREAS, Elmore Smith is a member of the Kentucky State University Hall of
23 Fame, the Small College Basketball Hall of Fame, and the Georgia Hall of Fame;

24 NOW, THEREFORE,

25 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of*
26 *Kentucky:*

27 ➔Section 1. The members of the Senate hereby honor Elmore "the Rejecter" "Big

1 E" Smith, and acknowledge his contributions to Kentucky State University and to the
2 sport of college basketball in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

3 ➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor of Elmore "the
4 Rejecter" "Big E" Smith.

5 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this
6 Resolution to Senator Gerald A. Neal for delivery.