



**Rep. Lynn Smith  
(R-70)**

### **Biography**

A recognized leader in the community and the state of Georgia, State Representative Lynn Smith is known for her ability to listen, learn and lead. Rep. Smith was elected to the Georgia House of Representatives in 1996. She currently serves as chairman for the House Natural Resources and Environment Committee (NR&E). She champions sound environmental policies that protect the environment as well as the economy of Georgia. To that effect, she is the author of several legislative bills that have become law. Most recently, she championed the Water Stewardship Act, the creation of the Regional Water Plans, and revisions to the Brownfield Act. She also serves on the Appropriations, Rules, and Reapportionment Committees. In 2011, along with the UGA Carl Vinson Institute of Government (CVIG), she developed the NR&E Committee Policy Academy to study annually the pressing issues before the committee. Georgia Trend Magazine has named her to the 100 most influential Georgians list every year since 2011.

In addition to state committees, Smith serves chair of the Southern Legislative conference (SLC) Energy and Environment Committee and is a board member of the Southern States Energy Board (SSEB). She is also a member of the National Conference of State Legislators (NCSL). She is a former lay appointee to the State Bar of Georgia Investigative Panel and is a former Vice-Chair of the NCSL Environment Committee.

Locally, Smith has spearheaded the development of Chattahoochee Bend State Park, secured state funding for the development of Central Education Center, new construction for the West Georgia Technical College Campus in Coweta, and grant funding to assist Coweta County in the purchase of the Brown's Mill Battlefield land. She recently worked, along with others, to bring the University of West Georgia satellite campus to downtown Newnan.

Before being elected to the Georgia House of Representatives, Smith served her community in several ways. She presided over the following organizations: the Newnan-Coweta Chamber of Commerce, the Newnan Carnegie Library, the Newnan-Coweta Public Library, the Coweta Economic Development partnership, the Shenandoah Georgia Youth Science and Technology Center, the Newnan Junior Service League and the Driftwood Garden Club. She was a board member of the Newnan - Coweta United Way Board and the Newnan Hospital Board. She continues serving as a member of the Newnan Rotary Club and as a Georgia Master Gardener.

A graduate of the University of Georgia, a former educator, business owner, and community leader, Rep. Smith continues to dedicate her time and energies to her community. The Smiths attend Central Baptist Church and support many local philanthropic causes as well as community initiatives. Rep. Smith and her husband Charles also enjoy spending time with their children and grandchildren.

Smith has received numerous other prestigious awards, such as the following:

- ☑ 2011- 2016 100 Most Influential Georgians list, Georgia Trend Magazine
- ☑ 2011 Friends of Business Award, Regional Business Coalition
- ☑ 2011 "House Hero" , James Magazine
- ☑ 2011 Tourism Champion Award, Government Category, Governor's Conference on Tourism
- ☑ 2011 Winner, Legislative Livestock Showdown, Georgia National Fair
- ☑ 2011 Environmental Leader in Golf Award, Georgia Golf Environmental

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- ☑ June 2010 voted "Legislator of the Year" by Georgia Chamber
- ☑ Spring 2010 voted "One of Georgia's Most Influential" in James Magazine
- ☑ 2007 Pacesetter Award by the Stennis Center of Southern Women in Public Service
- ☑ 2006 Georgia Municipal Association's "Champion of Cities" Award
- ☑ 2006 Legislative Achievement Award Georgia Forestry Association
- ☑ 2005-2006 Association of County Commissioners Legislative Award
- ☑ 2005 "Gracious Lady of Georgia"
- ☑ 2004 The Trailblazer Award by the American Alliance of Coweta County