

## House Resolution 1651

By: Representatives Hugley of the 136<sup>th</sup> and Smyre of the 135<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Reverend Donald Mathis for his dynamic Christian ministry;  
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Reverend Donald Mathis has demonstrated his commitment to teaching the  
4 Gospel, witnessing Christ through word and deed, and addressing the physical,  
5 psychological, intellectual, and spiritual needs of others; and

6 WHEREAS, Reverend Mathis was called into the ministry in 1991, eventually graduating  
7 from Candler School of Theology at Emory University, guiding several churches in South  
8 Georgia, and now shepherding the congregation of M.L. Harris United Methodist Church in  
9 Columbus, Georgia; and

10 WHEREAS, Reverend Mathis has spent a lifetime answering God's call to be His messenger  
11 to do His will; and

12 WHEREAS, this shining example of God's righteous path has served on several boards and  
13 committees, including the Wesley Foundation Campus Ministry, the Urban Hope After  
14 School Program, and the 4 Evarmor Agency, which teaches youth and young adults to make  
15 good choices and deal with peer pressure; and

16 WHEREAS, whether the task is preparing a sermon, visiting the sick, counseling the  
17 troubled, baptizing a new believer, or acting as a theologian, educator, administrator, or  
18 humanitarian, Reverend Mathis has shown the energy, devotion, and commitment truly  
19 reflective of divine guidance; and

20 WHEREAS, the unmatched spiritual assistance offered by Reverend Mathis is a source of  
21 strength and direction for persons in all walks of life; and

22 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this enduring example of God's message  
23 of peace and love be recognized and congratulated for his innumerable good works rendered  
24 on behalf of persons in need.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
26 the members of this body recognize and commend Reverend Donald Mathis for his dynamic  
27 Christian ministry and extend best wishes for many more years of successful fellowship and  
28 leadership.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
30 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to  
31 Reverend Donald Mathis.