

## House Resolution 1758

By: Representatives Channell of the 120<sup>th</sup> and McCall of the 33<sup>rd</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life of Reverend G. L. Avery and dedicating a road in his memory; and for  
2 other purposes.

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

6 WHEREAS, a native of Wilkes County, Reverend Avery was the beloved son of the late Roy  
7 and Eula King Avery and was married to the late Margaret Martin Avery; and

8 WHEREAS, a civil rights leader, Reverend Avery was one of the founders and organizers  
9 of the Wilkes County branch of the NAACP and served as branch president for more than  
10 50 years; and

11 WHEREAS, he was instrumental in working with city and school leaders through the  
12 integration of schools during the 1970s and served as coordinator of the First District of the  
13 Georgia State NAACP and as a member of the State NAACP executive board; and

14 WHEREAS, Reverend Avery diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of  
15 his time, talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced  
16 dramatically by his superlative service for 12 years on the Washington City Council; and

17 WHEREAS, he led the White Rock Baptist Church in Rayle and the Union Spring  
18 Missionary Baptist Church in Norwood and served as moderator of the Third Shiloh  
19 Missionary Baptist Association of Wilkes County with 14 churches and the Fourth Shiloh  
20 Missionary Baptist Association of Warren, McDuffie, Hancock, and Columbia counties with  
21 ten churches; and

22 WHEREAS, the unmatched spiritual assistance offered by Reverend Avery was a source of  
23 strength and direction for persons in all walks of life and from all economic strata; and

24 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this enduring example of God's message  
25 of peace and love be recognized by dedicating a road in his memory.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL  
27 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the portion of State Route 44 from the southern city limits  
28 along Whitehall and Mercer Streets to the intersection with US 78 (North Pass) is dedicated  
29 as the Reverend G. L. Avery Memorial Highway.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and  
31 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the Reverend G. L. Avery  
32 Memorial Highway.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
34 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the family of Reverend G. L.  
35 Avery and to the Department of Transportation.