

House Resolution 1950

By: Representatives Hightower of the 68th, Gravley of the 67th, Cooke of the 18th, and Nix of the 69th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Reverend Phillip Steve Swafford on the occasion of his 20th
2 pastoral anniversary; and for other purposes.

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

6 WHEREAS, Reverend Swafford was born on January 15, 1954, in Cedartown, Georgia, to
7 loving parents; his mother was a retired nurse and his father served as Polk County sheriff
8 for 20 years; and

9 WHEREAS, he surrendered to the call to preach when he was 17 years old; and

10 WHEREAS, his life journey took him to Cedar Bluff, Alabama, and Lindale and Roopville,
11 Georgia, where he served as pastor in each city; and

12 WHEREAS, Reverend Swafford was called by the Lord 20 years ago to lead the
13 congregation of Fullerville Baptist Church in Villa Rica, Georgia, as the church's senior
14 pastor; and

15 WHEREAS, his vision and direction have helped Fullerville Baptist Church grow in size and
16 influence, uplifting the community like the light of Bethlehem and serving as a spiritual
17 leader and place for fellowship; and

18 WHEREAS, over the past two decades leading Fullerville Baptist Church, Reverend
19 Swafford has established numerous programs and workshops which have improved the
20 spiritual and educational growth of the church and the surrounding community; and

21 WHEREAS, he works diligently in the community, having served on the Child Advocacy
22 Committee for Carroll County and worked with sports teams both in Central Schools in
23 Carrollton and Villa Rica Schools; and

24 WHEREAS, whether the task is preparing a sermon, visiting the sick, counseling the
25 troubled, baptizing a new believer, or acting as a theologian, educator, administrator, or
26 humanitarian, Reverend Swafford serves as a shining example of God's righteous path; and

27 WHEREAS, the unmatched spiritual assistance offered by Reverend Swafford is a source
28 of strength and direction for persons in all walks of life and from all economic strata; and

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

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
33 the members of this body congratulate Reverend Phillip Steve Swafford on the wonderful
34 occasion of his 20th pastoral anniversary and extend best wishes for many more years of
35 successful fellowship and leadership.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
37 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
38 Reverend Phillip Steve Swafford.