

## House Resolution 291

By: Representatives Coomer of the 14<sup>th</sup>, Battles of the 15<sup>th</sup>, and Kelley of the 16<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Reverend Kenneth H. Coomer, Jr., for his superior efforts  
2 during a natural disaster; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Reverend Kenneth H. Coomer, Jr., is the senior pastor of the Adairsville Church  
4 of God; and

5 WHEREAS, the City of Adairsville was struck by an EF3 tornado on January 30, 2013; and

6 WHEREAS, the tornado resulted in loss of life and the loss of property valued in excess of  
7 \$75 million; and

8 WHEREAS, the devastation wrought by the tornado overwhelmed the community and the  
9 capacity for the immediate response by both agencies and organizations; and

10 WHEREAS, Reverend Coomer and the Adairsville Church of God, in cooperation and  
11 coordination with many other local churches and charities, undertook the initial responsibility  
12 of providing shelter, food, clothing, financial assistance, and spiritual and emotional care and  
13 support to victims of the tornado within hours of the incident; and

14 WHEREAS, Reverend Coomer and the church coordinated and directed the mobilization of  
15 thousands of individual volunteers for the recovery efforts that followed the tornado; and

16 WHEREAS, Reverend Coomer and the Adairsville Church of God procured the charitable  
17 use of more than a dozen pieces of heavy equipment from individuals and corporations to  
18 assist in the cleanup efforts; and

19 WHEREAS, Reverend Coomer and the Adairsville Church of God, through their hard work  
20 and dedication to the Adairsville community, have saved the taxpayers of the City of

21 Adairsville, of Bartow County, and of the State of Georgia millions of dollars in cleanup,  
22 recovery, and reconstruction costs.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
24 the members of this body commend Reverend Kenneth H. Coomer, Jr., on his service to his  
25 community and to the State of Georgia.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
27 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Reverend Kenneth H.  
28 Coomer, Jr.