

Senate Resolution 149

By: Senators Thompson of the 14th, Mullis of the 53rd, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Cowser of the 46th, Hatchett of the 50th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing Pastor Billy Edmondson and dedicating a road in his honor; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Pastor Billy Edmondson has long been recognized by the citizens of this state
4 for his leadership within Sutallee Baptist Church and his deep personal commitment to the
5 welfare of all Georgians; and

6 WHEREAS, he has passionately devoted his entire life to bettering his community and state
7 through ministry, as evidenced by his 30 year tenure as senior pastor of Sutallee Baptist
8 Church in White, Georgia; and

9 WHEREAS, since Pastor Edmondson joined the Sutallee staff in 1991, the church's
10 congregation has grown from 15 members who were meeting in a basement of a building
11 with a tin roof to more than 700 faithful congregants; and

12 WHEREAS, with deep roots in Canton, Georgia, Pastor Edmondson's grandfather worked
13 at the Canton Mill at age 13 and Pastor Edmondson worked for a local railroad company
14 while attending Reinhardt University and taking Bible classes offered by the Georgia Baptist
15 Convention; and

16 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United
17 States Marine Corps, valiantly and courageously serving in the Vietnam war; and

18 WHEREAS, his leadership and vision have been instrumental to numerous organizations,
19 including the Georgia Baptist Mission and the Academy at Double H Ranch; and

20 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished
21 Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a road in his honor.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL
23 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the portion of State Route 20 from 1/2 mile west to
24 1/2 mile east of Sutallee Baptist Church in Cherokee County is dedicated as the Pastor Billy
25 Edmondson Highway.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
27 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the Pastor Billy Edmondson
28 Highway.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
30 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to Pastor Billy
31 Edmondson and to the Department of Transportation.