

ACTS AND RESOLUTIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA 2021

Act 299

House Resolution 144, Part VII

Effective May 10, 2021

DR. CHARLES F. STANLEY HIGHWAY — DESIGNATED.

A RESOLUTION

To dedicate certain portions of the state highway system; to provide for an effective date; and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, Dr. Charles Frazier Stanley has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for his leadership within First Baptist Church of Atlanta, and his deep personal commitment to the welfare of all Georgians; and

WHEREAS, he has passionately devoted his entire life to bettering his community and state through ministry, as evidenced by his 51 year tenure as senior pastor of First Baptist Church of Atlanta; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Stanley was born and raised in Dry Fork, Virginia, and was called to ministry at a young age; and

WHEREAS, after receiving a bachelor's degree from the University of Richmond, Dr. Stanley went on to pursue a Master of Divinity from the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, and Master of Theology and Doctor of Theology degrees from Luther Rice Seminary; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Stanley joined First Baptist Church of Atlanta in 1969 and was promoted to senior pastor in 1971, after which he grew the church into a global television and radio ministry, which is now known as In Touch Ministries; and

WHEREAS, In Touch Ministries has thrived under Dr. Stanley's leadership, as demonstrated by its translation into over 100 languages, availability on 204 satellite networks, and its audience of listeners on over 450 radio stations; and

WHEREAS, in addition to authoring more than 60 books, Dr. Stanley has also achieved the status of *New York Times* best-selling author; and

WHEREAS, he served two terms from 1984 to 1986 as president of the Southern Baptist Convention, and is a 1988 inductee into the National Religious Broadcasters Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Stanley is father to Becky Stanley, and to Andy Stanley, who serves as the pastor of North Point Community Church in Alpharetta; and

WHEREAS, in September, 2020, Dr. Stanley announced his transition to pastor emeritus of First Baptist Church of Atlanta after more than 50 years of service and dedication to the gospel; and

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

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA, that the portion of Interstate 285 in DeKalb County, from 1/2 mile east of the North Peachtree Road Interchange, to 1/2 mile west of the North Peachtree Road Interchange, is dedicated as the Dr. Charles F. Stanley Highway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Department of Transportation is authorized and directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the road facility named in this Resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized and directed to make appropriate copies of this Resolution available for distribution to the Department of Transportation and the family of Dr. Charles Frazier Stanley.

This Resolution shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.