

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

Act 299

House Resolution 144, Part XII

Effective May 10, 2021

PASTOR BILLY EDMONDSON HIGHWAY — DESIGNATED.

A RESOLUTION

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

WHEREAS, Pastor Billy Edmondson has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for his leadership within Sutallee Baptist Church 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 30 year tenure as senior pastor of Sutallee Baptist Church in White, Georgia; and

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

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

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

WHEREAS, his leadership and vision have been instrumental to numerous organizations, including the Georgia Baptist Mission and the Academy at Double H Ranch; 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 State Route 20 in Cherokee County, from 1/2 mile west of the Sutallee Baptist Church, to 1/2 mile east of the Sutallee Baptist Church, is dedicated as the Pastor Billy Edmondson 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 to the family of Pastor Billy Edmondson.

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