

Senate Resolution 585

By: Senators Stokes of the 43rd, Crotts of the 17th, Thomas of the 10th and Butler of the 55th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Designating the Earl Paulk Parkway; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Archbishop Earl Paulk is the senior pastor of the Cathedral at Chapel Hill
3 located in metropolitan Atlanta; and
- 4 WHEREAS, born to Earl and Addie Mae Paulk in 1927, Earl Paulk grew up in a strict but
5 affectionate pastor's home and, at the age of 17 years, received a dramatic call from God to
6 the ministry; and
- 7 WHEREAS, he was joined in marriage to a young lady from his father's church, the lovely
8 Norma Davis, and together they accepted interim pastorates and traveled extensively; and
- 9 WHEREAS, he continued his education at Candler School of Theology at Emory University,
10 becoming the first Pentecostal-born student ever to attend the Methodist seminary; and
- 11 WHEREAS, with a pastorate in Atlanta during the turbulent 1950's, Archbishop Paulk
12 became known around the city for his bold preaching against prejudice and racism; and
- 13 WHEREAS, he joined the fight for civil rights and, as a member of the Atlanta Christian
14 Council, signed the Atlanta Manifesto condemning the attitude of some who threatened to
15 close schools rather than integrate them; and
- 16 WHEREAS, he is a founding trustee of the governing board of the International Charismatic
17 Bible Studies, a member of the Board of Directors for Churches United and Global
18 Ministries, a member of the Executive Board of the Network of Christian Ministries, a trustee
19 on the Board of Regents of Oral Roberts University, and a member of the Concerned Clergy
20 of Atlanta; and

1 WHEREAS, the Cathedral at Chapel Hill has 25 full-time pastors who serve a parish of
2 several thousand and minister to many more through an international television program and
3 other outreach ministries.

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
5 GEORGIA that this body commends Archbishop Earl Paulk for his extraordinary service as
6 a pastor and as a leading citizen of the State of Georgia.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that portion of Flat Shoals Parkway in DeKalb County from
8 I-285 to its intersection with SR155 (Snapfinger Road) is designated the "Earl Paulk
9 Parkway."

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
11 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs so designating the parkway.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
13 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Archbishop Earl Paulk.