

Senate Resolution 948

By: Senator Dean of the 31st

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Pastor Joe E. Edwards; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Pastor Joe E. Edwards, a powerful preacher sensitive to the Holy Spirit in
3 bringing anointed messages from God, has been the Pastor in Cartersville since 1987, during
4 which time the church has grown at one of the fastest rates in its history; and

5 WHEREAS, a native of Alabama, Pastor Edwards pursued his studies at Lee College and the
6 Church of God School of Theology, Cleveland, Tennessee; he has written articles for several
7 different church publications, including *Evangel*, *The Pentecostal Minister*, *On Guard*, and
8 the *Laymen's Bulletin*; and his sermons on cassette tapes are circulated throughout the United
9 States and other countries. Pastor Edwards also has a daily radio broadcast as well as being
10 heard live on Sunday mornings; and

11 WHEREAS, under the leadership of Pastor Edwards, the Cartersville Church of God has
12 purchased 186 acres for development of a complex to be named "Liberty Square," which will
13 include the relocation of the present worship center and educational facilities, Family Life
14 Center, Excel Christian Academy, Cartersville Child Care, and Harvest House. The New
15 Christian community will include senior adult housing, life-leases, a cemetery, recreational
16 facilities, and much more; and

17 WHEREAS, Pastor Edwards has served as a member of the Church of God Executive
18 Council. He was appointed chairman of the General Study Commission, a commission
19 assigned the responsibility to study the organizational and operational structure of the
20 denomination. He has served on state youth boards, evangelism boards, and state councils.
21 He has organized several new churches and was the Evangelism and Home Missions
22 Director for the State of Alabama. He is presently serving as chairman of the Board of
23 Directors for Media Ministries for his denomination. Recently, Pastor Edwards was elected
24 by his peers to serve on the highest elected boards within the state, the North Georgia State
25 Council; and

1 WHEREAS, prior to coming to the Cartersville Church, Pastor Edwards served as State
2 Overseer of the Church of God in Northern Ohio, and he has spoken at prayer conferences,
3 interdenominational meetings, camp meetings, church growth conferences, ministers'
4 retreats, and youth camps; and

5 WHEREAS, he served four years as the pastor of the North Cleveland Church of God in
6 Cleveland, Tennessee, the oldest continuing Pentecostal church in the world, where he
7 ministered in three services on Sunday and led the church in sponsoring an aggressive
8 ministry of discipleship, outreach, Bible teaching, and faith-building fellowship. He was
9 active in community projects and taught a course in church administration at the Church of
10 God School of Theology in Cleveland.

11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
12 commend Pastor Joe E. Edwards for his many accomplishments and his dedication to God.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
14 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Pastor Joe E. Edwards.