

Senate Resolution 214

By: Senator Thomas of the 2nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Reverend Edward L. Ellis, Jr.; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Reverend Edward L. Ellis, Jr., was born to loving parents Mr. and Mrs. Edward
3 Lamar Ellis, Sr., in Monroe, Georgia; and

4 WHEREAS, an honor graduate of Fort Valley State College, he went on to receive his
5 master's and education specialist degrees from the University of Georgia and pursue his
6 studies at the Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta and at Atlanta University;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, he served his country with honor and pride as a member of the United States
9 military from 1948 until 1952; and

10 WHEREAS, he preached his trial sermon at his home church, First African Baptist Church
11 in Monroe, Georgia, in 1955 and was ordained there in 1958; and

12 WHEREAS, under his careful and wise guidance, the Historic First Bryan Baptist Church
13 has added several new ministries, has developed a closer relationship with Yamacraw
14 Village, has started a family/friend and fellowship weekend, has developed a full-time junior
15 church to meet the needs of its growing youth ministry, and has undergone many physical
16 improvements; and

17 WHEREAS, during his tenure, Reverend Ellis has seen the church celebrate its Pre-
18 Bicentennial Celebration, the publication of the first book devoted to the history of First
19 Bryan in over 100 years, and the ordination of several ministers and deacons; and

20 WHEREAS, he has served in numerous leadership positions and is actively involved in
21 several community and denominational activities, including his service as the third vice
22 president of New Era Missionary Baptist Convention of Georgia, Inc., president of the

1 Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance, Bible Institute leader for the Berean Association,
2 executive board member of the One Church, One Child Adoption Program, advisor and
3 board member of Savannah State University Social Work Advisory Committee, and
4 executive committee and board member of the Community Cardiovascular Council; and

5 WHEREAS, he is a faithful and devoted husband to his wife, Mrs. Lillian Sharon Williams
6 Ellis, and is beloved by their three adult children and their precious grandchildren; and

7 WHEREAS, the Historic First Bryan Baptist Church family is celebrating the 20th Pastoral
8 Anniversary of Reverend Edward L. Ellis, Jr., with a series of events beginning on March
9 3, 2005.

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
11 join in recognizing Reverend Edward L. Ellis, Jr., and commend his 20 years of dedicated
12 service to the Historic First Bryan Baptist Church and the Chatham County community.

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 Reverend Edward L. Ellis, Jr.