

Senate Resolution 429

By: Senators Miles of the 43rd, Butler of the 55th and Jones of the 10th

A RESOLUTION

1 Dedicating 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 earning doctorates in theology and divinity; and

12 WHEREAS, he was named to the office of Bishop in the International Communion of
13 Charismatic Churches in 1982; and

14 WHEREAS, with a pastorate in Atlanta during the turbulent 1950's, Archbishop Paulk
15 became known around the city for his bold preaching against prejudice and racism; and

16 WHEREAS, he joined the fight for civil rights and, as a member of the Atlanta Christian
17 Council, signed the Atlanta Manifesto condemning the attitude of some who threatened to
18 close schools rather than integrate them; and

19 WHEREAS, he is a founding trustee of the governing board of the International Charismatic
20 Bible Studies, a member of the Board of Directors for Churches United and Global
21 Ministries, a member of the Executive Board of the Network of Christian Ministries, a trustee

1 on the Board of Regents of Oral Roberts University, and a member of the Concerned Clergy
2 of Atlanta; and

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

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

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

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
13 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs so dedicating the parkway.

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
15 to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to Archbishop Earl Paulk and the Department
16 of Transportation.