

House Resolution 760

By: Representative Orrock of the 58th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the extraordinary career of Dr. Edward Frost on the occasion
2 of his retirement; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Dr. Edward Frost has served the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Atlanta
4 as its Senior Minister since 1989 and is retiring after nearly half a century in the ministry on
5 May 31, 2005; and

6 WHEREAS, Dr. Edward Frost, a native of Massachusetts, was raised both in England during
7 World War II and later in the United States, served from 1957 through 1962 in the United
8 States Naval Reserve, delivered his first sermon at the age of 21, and obtained degrees from
9 Barrington College and Bangor Theological Seminary, a Master's Degree in Counseling and
10 Pastoral Care from Boston University School of Theology, accreditation and fellowship with
11 the American Association of Pastoral Counselors, and a Doctor of Ministry degree from
12 Meadville/Lombard School of the University of Chicago; and

13 WHEREAS, Dr. Edward Frost began his ministry in Methodist churches in Maine in 1959
14 and was ordained to the Ministry of Religion by the All Souls Universalist Church of
15 Oakland, Maine, in 1964, thereafter serving Unitarian Universalist congregations in Maine,
16 Massachusetts, and New Jersey; and

17 WHEREAS, Dr. Edward Frost was installed as Senior Minister of the Unitarian Universalist
18 Congregation of Atlanta in 1989, and has served as a leader, co-congregant, and friend to the
19 members of that congregation with love, wisdom, keen insight, and integrity since that time;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, Dr. Edward Frost is acknowledged nationwide among the congregations of the
22 Unitarian Universalist Association, having served as an officer of the Massachusetts Bay
23 District of the Association, having been featured in print and television media in Atlanta, and
24 having earned respect as the editor of the book, *With Purpose and Principle: Essays About*

1 *the Seven Principles of Unitarian Universalism*, as the author of a book of sermons, and as
2 the recipient of the 2004 Richard C. Borden Sermon Award in recognition of sermon
3 excellence for his sermon "Playing with the Italians"; and

4 WHEREAS, Dr. Edward Frost is a woodworker, has a great love of the Southwest and the
5 English countryside, as well as an abiding respect for the spiritual heritage of all the world's
6 peoples and a passion to learn, takes joy in his hobbies of traveling, hiking, house renovation,
7 gardening, and landscaping, and has been joined in his journeys through life by his wife,
8 Chris, and by his three grown daughters, Pamela, Tamara, and Jennifer; and

9 WHEREAS, Dr. Edward Frost describes his mission as helping to create a sense of
10 community in which persons are liberated from old boundaries and presented with new
11 possibilities for spiritual growth; and

12 WHEREAS, Dr. Edward Frost teaches and exemplifies the outlook contained in the saying
13 of Shaker Mother Ann Lee: "Do all your work as if you had a thousand years to live, and as
14 you would if you knew you must die tomorrow"; and

15 WHEREAS, Dr. Edward Frost has touched the lives of countless members of the Unitarian
16 Universalist Congregation of Atlanta, whom he has served for these past 16 years, and those
17 of the congregations he has served for the 42 years of his career by affirming and promoting
18 human dignity, justice, spiritual growth, the search for truth, democracy, peace, and respect
19 for the earth.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
21 the members of this body join in recognizing and commending Dr. Edward Frost for his
22 outstanding career and extend their sincere congratulations and best wishes on the occasion
23 of his retirement.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
25 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Dr. Edward Frost.