

House Resolution 1147

By: Representatives Nix of the 69th and Smith of the 129th

A RESOLUTION

1 Celebrating the life and achievements of Millard Fuller and dedicating a highway in his
2 honor; and for other purposes.

3 *"I see life as both a gift and a responsibility. My responsibility is to use*
4 *what God has given me to help His people in need."* - Millard Fuller

5 WHEREAS, Millard Fuller was born on January 3, 1935, in the small cotton mill town of
6 Lanett, Alabama, and graduated from Auburn University and the University of Alabama
7 School of Law; and

8 WHEREAS, he became a self-made millionaire by the age of 29 and could have lived out
9 the rest of his life in comfort, but instead he and his wife sold all of their possessions,
10 donated the proceeds to the poor, and began searching for a new purpose for their lives; and

11 WHEREAS, he and his wife established Habitat for Humanity in Americus, Georgia, in
12 1976; and

13 WHEREAS, Habitat for Humanity has constructed more than 300,000 homes for 1,500,000
14 people and has a presence in all 50 States, the District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico, and
15 more than 90 countries around the world; and

16 WHEREAS, in 2005, Millard Fuller established The Fuller Center for Housing, which
17 provides support and guidance to local organizations to repair and build homes for
18 impoverished individuals; and

19 WHEREAS, he committed his life to philanthropy and service to others while raising global
20 concern for homelessness and poverty; and

21 WHEREAS, Millard Fuller was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation's
22 highest civilian honor, by President Clinton in 1996; and

23 WHEREAS, Millard Fuller passed away on February 3, 2009, leaving behind a loving wife,
24 a proud family, and a legacy that will extend far beyond his life, and it is only fitting and
25 proper that a lasting memorial to this life well lived be established.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
27 GEORGIA that the members of this body express their sincerest condolences to the family
28 and friends of Millard Fuller upon his passing.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the portion of US 29 from the city limits of LaGrange
30 to the Chattahoochee River be dedicated as the Millard Fuller Memorial Highway.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
32 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the Millard Fuller Memorial
33 Highway.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
35 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the family of Millard Fuller
36 and the Department of Transportation.