

House Resolution 1147

By: Representatives Nix of the 69<sup>th</sup> and Smith of the 129<sup>th</sup>

#### 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.