

Senate Resolution 158

By: Senator Mullis of the 53rd

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Dr. Darrell Henry; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Dr. Darrell Henry was born on April 11, 1956, in Athens, Tennessee; and
- 3 WHEREAS, his father John Henry was a bivocational pastor for many years; and
- 4 WHEREAS, he attended Meigs County High School, where he graduated in 1974, and
5 received his bachelor of science in psychology at the University of Tennessee at
6 Chattanooga, his master of divinity at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, and his
7 doctorate of divinity and doctorate of ministry at Covington Seminary; and
- 8 WHEREAS, he married Diane Bacon in 1981 and is the father of two lovely daughters,
9 Jessica and Julie; and
- 10 WHEREAS, he became a follower of Jesus Christ at the age of 19 and accepted God's call
11 into the ministry shortly thereafter in 1976; and
- 12 WHEREAS, he has been a pastor since 1977, pastoring churches in Tennessee and Georgia;
13 and
- 14 WHEREAS, he has been the Senior Pastor at Oakwood Baptist Church since February 20,
15 1991, and, under his dynamic leadership, the church has grown from approximately 250
16 attenders to almost 3,000 members today and is recognized across America as one of the
17 leading innovative and break-out churches for small towns; and
- 18 WHEREAS, he is a leader in the Georgia Baptist Convention, having served as vice
19 president of the convention and on several committees of the convention, and he was the
20 keynote speaker for the state convention in 2003; and

21 WHEREAS, he has served on several national committees of the Southern Baptist
22 Convention and was one of the speakers at the Southern Baptist Convention Pastor's
23 Conference in 2006; and

24 WHEREAS, he has been sought as a church growth conference leader and speaker and has
25 spoken at the Georgia, Indiana, and Alaska Baptist conventions; and

26 WHEREAS, he enjoys taking groups on tours to the Holy Land, traveling, running, and
27 playing golf and jokingly says that his greatest two spiritual gifts are cynicism and agitation;
28 and

29 WHEREAS, his life verse and goal is to fulfill Acts 13:36a (NIV): "And David served God's
30 purpose in his own generation and then he died"; and

31 WHEREAS, his significant organizational and leadership talents, his remarkable patience
32 and diplomacy, his keen sense of vision, and his sensitivity to the needs of the citizens of this
33 state and people around the world have earned him the respect and admiration of his
34 colleagues and associates; and

35 WHEREAS, he is a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for
36 integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness; and

37 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
38 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

39 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
40 recognize and congratulate Dr. Darrell Henry on 20 years of service as the Senior Pastor of
41 Oakwood Baptist Church and extend to him best wishes for the future.

42 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
43 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Dr. Darrell Henry.