

House Resolution 1051

By: Representative Watson of the 163<sup>rd</sup>

#### A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Dr. Cecil A. Hodges; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens  
3 with the passing of Dr. Cecil A. Hodges on April 9, 2011; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Dr. Hodges was born on May 2, 1924, in Nathlie, Virginia, and served as a  
5 guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United States Naval Air Force,  
6 valiantly and courageously protecting his fellow Americans during World War II; and
- 7 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Dr. Hodges began his ministerial training at  
8 Baptist Bible College and earned a doctorate degree from Baptist University of America; and
- 9 WHEREAS, his first pastorate was the Bible Baptist Church in Fernandina Beach, Florida,  
10 before serving as pastor of Bible Baptist Church in Savannah, Georgia; and
- 11 WHEREAS, under his leadership, Bible Baptist Church organized 96 churches, and he saw  
12 the Savannah church's membership climb from 31 to over 4,000 before his retirement in 1998  
13 after serving 41 years as pastor; and
- 14 WHEREAS, in 1999, Dr. Hodges began the Effingham Baptist Church in Rincon with 65  
15 charter members and grew the congregation to over 200 by his retirement in 2005; and
- 16 WHEREAS, a notable author, Dr. Hodges wrote two books, *A Commentary on the Book of*  
17 *Mark* and *Stewardship One*; and
- 18 WHEREAS, Dr. Hodges was united in love and marriage to his wife, Kathleen B. Hodges,  
19 for 66 wonderful years, and he was blessed with the kindness and support of his children,  
20 Margie and Herman Mongin and the late Bonnie Colvin, and his wonderful grandchildren,  
21 Melissa and Brent Haney and David and Danielle Mongin; and

22 WHEREAS, he was the proud great-grandfather of Austen, Kaylah, Gabrielle, Aaliyah,  
23 Zechariah, Isabella, Vivianna, and Adelaide; and

24 WHEREAS, he gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep concern  
25 for his fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding he demonstrated to his  
26 family and friends were admired by others; and

27 WHEREAS, he was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation  
28 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness and, by the example he made of his life, he  
29 made this world a better place in which to live; and

30 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Dr. Hodges will long be remembered for  
31 his love of family and friendship, and this loyal husband, father, grandfather, pastor, and  
32 friend will be missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing him.

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
34 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Dr. Cecil A. Hodges and  
35 express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
37 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Dr. Cecil A.  
38 Hodges.