

## House Resolution 1915

By: Representatives Burns of the 159<sup>th</sup> and Hitchens of the 161<sup>st</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Dr. Jeffrey Rollins; 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. Jeffrey Rollins on February 15, 2014; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Dr. Rollins, who was from Savannah, had been honored recently for his 25  
5 years of service to First Baptist Church in Springfield, Georgia; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he earned degrees from Mercer University and Southeastern Seminary, and in  
7 2011, he received his Doctorate of Ministry in Pastoral Work from New Orleans Seminary;  
8 and
- 9 WHEREAS, a lover of sports, Dr. Rollins was a tough golf competitor and coached county  
10 recreational department teams and was well known and well loved by the young people of  
11 the community; and
- 12 WHEREAS, he had a heart for young men and felt that there were so many that needed the  
13 extra mentoring of an older person; he had mentored many of the young men of the church  
14 and community; and
- 15 WHEREAS, Dr. Rollins also mentored a group of young pastors from the Middle Baptist  
16 Association; Dr. Rollins himself was mentored by Reverend Ernie Pirkle of Savannah, which  
17 led to a rich and lasting friendship; this also contributed to his strong conviction that young  
18 men and young pastors need a mentor to lead them along; and
- 19 WHEREAS, he loved the Andy Griffith Show and its fictional setting of Mayberry, both of  
20 which were instrumental in the development of his moral and Christian mindset; and

21 WHEREAS, Dr. Rollins was united in love and marriage to Dorothy Sheppard Rollins, and  
22 was blessed with four remarkable children, Melissa, Rachel, Michael, and Rebecca, and  
23 seven wonderful grandchildren, Rylan, Jaylee, Melanie, Jincee, Mia, Max, and Jaxson; 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, Dr. Rollins was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable  
28 reputation for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness and, by the example he made of  
29 his life, he made this world a better place in which to live; and

30 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, he will long be remembered for his love  
31 of family and friendship, and this loyal gentleman and friend will be missed by all who had  
32 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. Jeffrey Rollins 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. Jeffrey  
38 Rollins.