

House Resolution 1943

By: Representative Epps of the 132<sup>nd</sup>

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Reverend Dr. W. T. Edmondson; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Reverend Dr. W. T. Edmondson has demonstrated his commitment to teaching  
3 the Gospel, witnessing Christ through word and deed, and addressing the physical,  
4 psychological, intellectual, and spiritual needs of others; and

5 WHEREAS, he was born and raised in Troup County, Georgia, to Arizona Thomas  
6 Edmondson and the late Reverend G. F. Edmondson, receiving his upbringing in the Antioch  
7 Community, grooming his passion for God, community, education, and serving others; and

8 WHEREAS, a graduate of Troup High School, Reverend Dr. Edmondson studied at West  
9 Georgia Technical College, Gupton-Jones College of Funeral Service, Interdenominational  
10 Theological Center-Morehouse College School of Religion, G. M. O. R. Theological Center,  
11 and Fountain International Seminary; and

12 WHEREAS, he served as councilman for the City of LaGrange for 13 years and serves as  
13 chairman of the Troup County Board of Health and as a member of the Chamber of  
14 Commerce Tourism Board and the 100 Black Men of West Georgia; and

15 WHEREAS, he is the owner of Lakes-Dunson-Robertson Funeral Home where he serves as  
16 the licensed funeral director and embalmer and is a member of the Academy of Graduate  
17 Embalmers of Georgia, Georgia Funeral Service Practitioners Association, Fifth District  
18 Funeral Service Practitioners Association, and National Funeral Directors and Morticians  
19 Association; and

20 WHEREAS, Reverend Dr. Edmondson was called by the Lord 30 years ago to lead the  
21 congregation of Bethlehem Baptist Church of West Point, and in 2013 he became senior  
22 pastor of Antioch Baptist Church, the oldest African American Church in Troup County; and

23 WHEREAS, he is a founding member and President Emeritus of the West Georgia  
24 Ministerial Alliance and a member of the Troup County Baptist Association, Georgia Baptist  
25 Convention, Southern Baptist Convention, National Baptist Convention, and General  
26 Missionary Baptist Convention of Georgia; and

27 WHEREAS, Reverend Dr. Edmondson has served Troup County tirelessly through his  
28 unwithering example, teaching, preaching, and unconditional dedication to God, community,  
29 and family.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
31 the members of this body recognize Reverend Dr. W. T. Edmondson for his years of  
32 successful fellowship and leadership.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
34 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Reverend Dr. W. T.  
35 Edmondson.