

House Resolution 850

By: Representative Dudgeon of the 25<sup>th</sup>

#### A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Christopher Edward Carlton; 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 Christopher Edward Carlton on January 3, 2015; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Christopher was born on February 24, 1974, in Bristol, Tennessee; and
- 5 WHEREAS, after graduating from Emory and Henry College in Emory, Virginia, he worked  
6 as a private investigator and volunteer EMT before God called him to become a minister; and
- 7 WHEREAS, Christopher earned his Master's in Divinity from Candler School of Theology  
8 and his Master's in Education and Counseling from Georgia State University, where he was  
9 first in his class; and
- 10 WHEREAS, he was a beloved pastor for the North Georgia Conference of the United  
11 Methodist Church, where he served at Pomona United Methodist Church in Griffin, Georgia,  
12 and Johns Creek United Methodist Church in Johns Creek, Georgia; and
- 13 WHEREAS, Christopher successfully counseled countless young people and adults through  
14 depression and other personal issues and counseled clergy from around the North Georgia  
15 Conference as Director of Emory Clergy Care; and
- 16 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to Debbie and was blessed with two  
17 remarkable children, Sophia and Phoebe; and
- 18 WHEREAS, he was an incredibly talented counselor, pastor, and friend to countless people,  
19 including the more than 150 clergy who attended his funeral; and

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

23 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Christopher will long be remembered for  
24 his love of family and friendship, and this loyal husband, father, pastor, and friend will be  
25 missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing him.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
27 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Christopher Edward  
28 Carlton and express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
30 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the  
31 family of Christopher Edward Carlton.