

Senate Resolution 949

By: Senators Anderson of the 43rd, Davenport of the 44th, Jones II of the 22nd, Jones of the 10th, Butler of the 55th and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending and congratulating Bishop Miles E. Fowler; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Bishop Miles E. Fowler was born in Stone Mountain, Georgia, to the late
3 Bishop Willie and Missionary Mattie Lou Fowler and this year he enjoys the rare distinction
4 of celebrating his 80th birthday; and
- 5 WHEREAS, the devotion, patience, and understanding he has demonstrated have provided
6 the foundation of success from which his family members have developed and flourished for
7 two generations as evidenced by his wonderful son and seven outstanding grandchildren; and
- 8 WHEREAS, this distinguished gentleman has given inspiration to many through his high
9 ideals, morals, and deep concern for his fellow citizens; and
- 10 WHEREAS, Bishop Fowler enlisted in the United States Air Force and attended military
11 technical school in San Antonio, Texas; and
- 12 WHEREAS, prior to becoming a full-time pastor, Bishop Fowler owned and operated Fowler
13 Construction Company for 18 years; and
- 14 WHEREAS, with a degree from the Interdenominational Theological Center, Bishop Fowler
15 became a full-time pastor at Big Miller Grove Missionary Baptist Church in 1977; during his
16 pastorate, the church membership has grown to over 1,500, the church has relocated to 28
17 acres, and new buildings have been built; and
- 18 WHEREAS, his dedication and service to the community have been recognized with the
19 Who's Who in Georgia Award, an honorary doctorate degree of divinity from Beulah Heights
20 Bible College, and a road named after him; and

21 WHEREAS, a resident of Stone Mountain, Georgia, he is a person of magnanimous strengths
22 with an unimpeachable reputation for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness; and

23 WHEREAS, a kind and generous person, Bishop Fowler brings joy and happiness to his
24 family and to the many friends and neighbors who have the great pleasure of knowing him;
25 and

26 WHEREAS, he has witnessed a dramatic change in the world over the course of his lifetime
27 and we salute his contribution to its progress through his tireless efforts on behalf of his
28 community and state; and

29 WHEREAS, by the example Bishop Miles E. Fowler has made of his life, he makes this
30 world a better place in which to live, and it is only fitting and proper that he be appropriately
31 recognized during this very special and memorable time.

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
33 commend Bishop Miles E. Fowler for his unselfish, dedicated, and loving service to the
34 members of his family and community; congratulate him on the remarkable occasion of his
35 80th birthday; and extend their most sincere best wishes for continued health and happiness.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
37 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Bishop Miles E.
38 Fowler.