

Senate Resolution 27

By: Senators Beach of the 21st, Jones of the 25th, Brass of the 28th, Dolezal of the 27th, Harper of the 7th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing Dr. Charles Frazier Stanley and dedicating a road in his honor; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Dr. Charles Frazier Stanley has long been recognized by the citizens of this
4 state for his leadership within First Baptist Church of Atlanta, and his deep personal
5 commitment to the welfare of all Georgians; and

6 WHEREAS, he has passionately devoted his entire life to bettering his community and state
7 through ministry, as evidenced by his 51 year tenure as senior pastor of First Baptist Church
8 of Atlanta; and

9 WHEREAS, Dr. Stanley was born and raised in Dry Fork, Virginia, and was called to
10 ministry at a young age; and

11 WHEREAS, after receiving a bachelor's degree from the University of Richmond,
12 Dr. Stanley went on to pursue a Master of Divinity from the Southwestern Baptist
13 Theological Seminary, and Master of Theology and Doctor of Theology degrees from Luther
14 Rice Seminary; and

15 WHEREAS, Dr. Stanley joined First Baptist Church of Atlanta in 1969 and was promoted
16 to senior pastor in 1971, after which he grew the church into a global television and radio
17 ministry, which is now known as In Touch Ministries; and

18 WHEREAS, In Touch Ministries has thrived under Dr. Stanley's leadership, as demonstrated
19 by its translation into over 100 languages, availability on 204 satellite networks, and its
20 audience of listeners on over 450 radio stations; and

21 WHEREAS, in addition to authoring more than 60 books, Dr. Stanley has also achieved the
22 status of *New York Times* best-selling author; and

23 WHEREAS, he served two terms from 1984 to 1986 as president of the Southern Baptist
24 Convention, and is a 1988 inductee into the National Religious Broadcasters Hall of Fame;
25 and

26 WHEREAS, Dr. Stanley is father to Becky Stanley, and to Andy Stanley, who serves as the
27 pastor of North Point Community Church in Alpharetta; and

28 WHEREAS, in September, 2020, Dr. Stanley announced his transition to pastor emeritus of
29 First Baptist Church of Atlanta after more than 50 years of service and dedication to the
30 gospel; and

31 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished
32 Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a road in his honor.

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL
34 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the portion of Interstate 285 from 1/2 mile east and

35 1/2 mile west of the North Peachtree Road Interchange in DeKalb County is dedicated as the
36 Dr. Charles F. Stanley Highway.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
38 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the Dr. Charles F. Stanley
39 Highway.

40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
41 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to Dr. Charles Frazier
42 Stanley and to the Department of Transportation.