

Senate Resolution 391

By: Senators Jones of the 25th, Brass of the 28th, Beach of the 21st, Harbin of the 16th and Robertson of the 29th

### A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing Dr. Benny Tate and dedicating a road in his honor; and for other purposes.
  
- 2 WHEREAS, Dr. Benny Tate has demonstrated his commitment to teaching the Gospel,  
3 witnessing Christ through word and deed, and addressing the physical, psychological,  
4 intellectual, and spiritual needs of others; and
  
- 5 WHEREAS, Dr. Tate was called by the Lord over 30 years ago to lead the congregation of  
6 Rock Springs Church in Milner, Georgia, as the church's senior pastor; and
  
- 7 WHEREAS, his vision and direction have helped Rock Springs Church grow in size from  
8 80 to 8,000 members, uplifting the community like the light of Bethlehem and serving as a  
9 spiritual leader and place for fellowship with seven campuses; and
  
- 10 WHEREAS, Dr. Tate has established numerous programs and workshops which have  
11 improved the spiritual and educational growth of the church and the surrounding community,  
12 including Rock Springs Medical Clinic, Rock Springs Christian Academy, the Potters House  
13 for Women, and Impact Street Ministry; and

14 WHEREAS, whether the task is preparing a sermon, visiting the sick, counseling the  
15 troubled, baptizing a new believer, or acting as a theologian, educator, administrator, or  
16 humanitarian, Dr. Tate serves as a shining example of God's righteous path; and

17 WHEREAS, Dr. Tate has authored four books: *One More Night with Frogs*; *Happy Wife*,  
18 *Happy Life*; *When You Follow a Star and Find a Stable*; and *Bennyisms*; and

19 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this enduring example of God's message  
20 of peace and love be recognized appropriately by dedicating a road in his honor.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL  
22 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the portion of State Route 39 from the Butts/Lamar County  
23 line to Jones Road in Lamar County is dedicated as the Dr. Benny Tate Parkway.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and  
25 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the Dr. Benny Tate Parkway.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
27 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to Dr. Benny Tate and  
28 to the Department of Transportation.