

## House Resolution 427

By: Representatives Werkheiser of the 157<sup>th</sup> and Meeks of the 178<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life of Dr. Esco Hall, Jr., and dedicating a road in his memory; and for other  
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Dr. Esco Hall, Jr., was born into a sharecropping family in Wheeler County,  
4 Georgia, and graduated as valedictorian of his 1966 class at Wheeler County High School;  
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Dr. Hall's love of agriculture began at a young age through his involvement  
7 with the New Farmer's Association and Future Farmer's Association, leading him to become  
8 one of the first two black students to graduate with a doctorate in veterinary medicine from  
9 the University of Georgia in 1973; and

10 WHEREAS, he served counties across southeast Georgia as a large and small animal  
11 veterinarian for over 46 years as the sole proprietor of Appling Animal Hospital; and

12 WHEREAS, Dr. Hall made history once again in 1982 by being elected the first black city  
13 councilmember of Baxley City Council, a post he held for 36 years until his untimely passing  
14 in 2019; and

15 WHEREAS, he diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,  
16 talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced  
17 dramatically by his superlative service as mayor pro tem for the last 12 years of his service  
18 on the city council; and

19 WHEREAS, Dr. Hall embodied the spirit of service and it is abundantly fitting and proper  
20 that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating  
21 a road in his memory.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL  
23 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the portion of State Route 15 from mile point 76.17 to  
24 76.716 in Appling County is dedicated as the Dr. Esco Hall, Jr. Highway.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and  
26 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the Dr. Esco Hall, Jr. Highway.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
28 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the  
29 family of Dr. Esco Hall, Jr., and to the Department of Transportation.