

## House Resolution 658

By: Representatives Thomas of the 21<sup>st</sup>, Ridley of the 22<sup>nd</sup>, Parsons of the 44<sup>th</sup>, Scoggins of the 14<sup>th</sup>, and Carson of the 46<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life of Mr. David Allen Donley and dedicating a road in his memory; and for  
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mr. David Allen Donley devoted his life to bringing music to the community  
4 of Holly Springs and Hickory Flat, leaving behind a legacy of honesty, integrity, and  
5 kindness; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Donley opened his store, Donley's Music, in 1996 at the corner of Bells  
7 Ferry Road and Highway 92, before moving the store to Holly Springs in 2006, and finally  
8 to the store's current location on Hickory Flat Highway in 2008; and

9 WHEREAS, his store became a destination for musicians of all skill levels, providing a sense  
10 of community to those who visited through bluegrass jams, music lessons, and other  
11 community oriented programs; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Donley's faithfulness, generosity, and commitment to his hundreds of  
13 students, particularly those from disadvantaged and low-income backgrounds, often led him  
14 to provide guitars to those in need, sponsor guitar clubs, and complete lessons or instrument  
15 repairs for those who could not pay, which he saw as an investment in students' lives; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Donley's spirit and love for music has inspired many members of the Holly  
17 Springs and Hickory Flat communities to become better musicians and better people,  
18 including Bryce Leatherwood, the 2022 winner of *The Voice*, who cited Mr. Donley as one  
19 of his greatest inspirations; and

20 WHEREAS, beyond his love for music, Mr. Donley is remembered as an avid fisherman  
21 who found enjoyment in sharing his hobby with others; and

22 WHEREAS, Mr. Donley will be forever remembered as a loving husband, father, and  
23 beloved citizen of Cherokee County and it is abundantly fitting and proper that this  
24 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a road in  
25 his memory.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL  
27 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the portion of State Route 140 from Darnell Road to East  
28 Cherokee Drive in Cherokee County is dedicated as the David Allen Donley Memorial  
29 Parkway.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and  
31 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the David Allen Donley Memorial  
32 Parkway.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
34 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the  
35 family of Mr. David Allen Donley and to the Department of Transportation.