

House Resolution 674

By: Representatives Buckner of the 137<sup>th</sup>, Smith of the 138<sup>th</sup>, and Huddleston of the 72<sup>nd</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Reverend Dr. Willie T. Edmondson; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Reverend Dr. Willie T. Edmondson was recently elected as the mayor of the  
3 City of LaGrange, Georgia, the first African American to hold the position in the city's  
4 history; and
- 5 WHEREAS, in 1998, Reverend Edmondson was elected to the LaGrange City Council as a  
6 representative for District 2, and during his tenure, he helped bring projects to LaGrange such  
7 as The Thread and Great Wolf Lodge; and
- 8 WHEREAS, his significant organizational and leadership talents, remarkable patience and  
9 diplomacy, keen sense of vision, and sensitivity to the needs of the citizens of this state have  
10 earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues and associates; and
- 11 WHEREAS, this distinguished gentleman has given inspiration to many through his high  
12 ideals, morals, and deep concern for his fellow citizens, and he possesses the vast wisdom  
13 which only comes through experience and the strength of character which is achieved  
14 through overcoming the many challenges of life; and

15 WHEREAS, he is a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for  
16 integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness; and

17 WHEREAS, Reverend Edmondson has served with honor and distinction, and his vision and  
18 unyielding commitment to the well-being of his fellow citizens have set the standard for  
19 public service; and

20 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this  
21 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
23 the members of this body recognize and commend Reverend Dr. Willie T. Edmondson upon  
24 the grand occasion of his election as the first African American mayor of the City of  
25 LaGrange and extend best wishes for future success.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
27 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to  
28 Reverend Dr. Willie T. Edmondson.