

House Resolution 1637

By: Representative Millar of the 59th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Dr. James R. Hallford, DeKalb County Schools' Superintendent; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Dr. Hallford has devoted 40 years of his life to the betterment of public
4 education; and

5 WHEREAS, he has served as a teacher, high school assistant principal and principal, Area
6 I and II Administrator, Area II Assistant Superintendent, Associate and Deputy
7 Superintendent, and since 1996, as the Superintendent of DeKalb County Schools; and

8 WHEREAS, from the University of Georgia, Dr. Hallford received his Bachelor of Science
9 degree in English, master's degree, and Education Specialist degree in educational
10 leadership, and he obtained his Doctorate of Philosophy in educational leadership from
11 Vanderbilt University; and

12 WHEREAS, Dr. Hallford's professional accomplishments and activities are too numerous
13 to detail, but include establishing a system-wide Teacher Forum, nine charter schools, four
14 year-round schools, a School of the Arts, the Pre-Kindergarten program, the school nurses
15 program, the first Truancy School, the Junior Police Academy, 18 Family Technology
16 Centers, and School and Community Action teams in 31 schools; co-chairing the DeKalb
17 County Schools' Desegregation Task Force; participating in the development of
18 administrators' selection system; directing the pilot school's participation in computerizing
19 student attendance, scheduling, and grade reporting; implementing school councils in all
20 schools, and the first "Reading First" program; and

21 WHEREAS, his leadership and vision have been vital to many organizations and efforts for
22 education, including the Boy Scouts of America, where he serves as the membership
23 chairperson; the DeKalb Rape Crisis Center Board of Directors and the Georgia Federal
24 Credit Union Board of Directors where he serves as Vice President; and his membership with

1 the American Association of School Administrators, the National Association of Secondary
2 School Principals, the DeKalb Association of Educators, DeKalb Board of Health, Chamber
3 of Commerce, Historical Society, and Council of the Arts; and

4 WHEREAS, he has also served our country as First Lieutenant in the United States Army
5 Infantry from 1960 through 1962; and

6 WHEREAS, Dr. Hallford's community involvement also extends to his active participation
7 in the Decatur Presbyterian Church; and

8 WHEREAS, he is a loving husband and devoted father to his two children Ren and Tryllis.

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
10 we hereby acknowledge and express our deepest appreciation to Dr. James R. Hallford for
11 dedicating the last four decades working for the betterment of public education so that
12 children can reap the full benefits of a sound, high quality educational system.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
14 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Dr. James R. Hallford.