

House Resolution 608

By: Representatives Smith of the 175th, Jamieson of the 22nd, Porter of the 143rd, Taylor of the 134th, Coleman of the 80th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring Gary Ashley, executive vice president of the Georgia School Boards Association;
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Gary Ashley has given 45 years of his life to the betterment of public education;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, he has served as a teacher, high school principal, local school superintendent,
6 and State Department of Education director; and

7 WHEREAS, he has also served as the executive director of the South Carolina School
8 Boards Association and deputy executive director of the National Association of State
9 Boards of Education; and

10 WHEREAS, for the past 23 years, Gary Ashley has served as executive vice president of the
11 Georgia School Boards Association, where he has championed the cause of raising student
12 achievement and improving the governance structure of public education; and

13 WHEREAS, he has strengthened the relationship between locally elected board of education
14 members and representatives of the Georgia legislature; and

15 WHEREAS, we recognize that he is retiring from service in August, 2001; and

16 WHEREAS, his leadership and vision have been vital to many organizations and efforts for
17 education, including the National School Boards Association, which he served as chairperson
18 of its federation member executive directors' committee and its internal administrative review
19 team; the Governor's Georgia School Improvement Panel; the Georgia Partnership for
20 Excellence in Education, which he served as a member of the executive committee of its
21 board of directors; the Georgia Chamber of Commerce, which he served as a member of its

1 board of directors; and the 1996 Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games, which he served
2 as member of its education committee; and

3 WHEREAS, Gary Ashley has been honored by the Georgia School Boards Association and
4 the National School Boards Association for his dedication and the high caliber energy and
5 expertise he has infused into his work.

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
7 we hereby acknowledge and express our deepest appreciation to Gary Ashley for dedicating
8 much of the last five decades working for the betterment of public education so that children
9 can reap the full benefits of a sound, high quality educational system.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
11 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Gary Ashley.