

## House Resolution 1727

By: Representatives Howard of the 98<sup>th</sup> and Murphy of the 97<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Dr. Charles G. Larke; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Dr. Charles G. Larke was appointed Superintendent of Schools for the  
3 Richmond County Board of Education in 1996 and became the first African American to  
4 hold that office in the system's 200 year history; and

5 WHEREAS, over his career he has faithfully served as a math instructor, an assistant  
6 superintendent for vocational education, and an interim superintendent until his appointment;  
7 and

8 WHEREAS, while serving as an interim superintendent, Dr. Larke dedicated himself to  
9 making significant long-term commitments to improve student achievement and school  
10 facilities, and it was his dedication, foresight, and innovative designs and leadership that  
11 earned him the right to remove the word "interim" from his title; and

12 WHEREAS, over the years since his appointment, his dedication has never waned and,  
13 against great odds, he has continued to guide the school system to newer and higher levels  
14 of student and teacher achievement; and

15 WHEREAS, it is Dr. Larke's goal to prepare students to be successful and productive  
16 citizens in the 21st century and, with the help of an experienced staff of quality teachers and  
17 administrators dedicated to educational excellence, he has met that goal and continues to plot  
18 a forward course for education in Richmond County; and

19 WHEREAS, for a man who describes himself as "just a country boy" from Kathwood, South  
20 Carolina, Dr. Larke has made a lasting and positive impression on the Richmond County  
21 School System.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
2 the members of this body commend Dr. Charles G. Larke for his devotion and tireless  
3 commitment to both students and educators and to improving the quality of education in  
4 Richmond County.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
6 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Dr. Charles G. Larke.