

House Resolution 1845

By: Representative Epps of the 90th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring William J. Griggs; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, William J. Griggs is a native of Jones County, Georgia, and a graduate of Gray
3 High School; and
- 4 WHEREAS, he served his country honorably for four years during World War II, after which
5 he received an undergraduate degree from Fort Valley State University and a master of
6 education degree in school supervision and administration from Tuskegee University; and
- 7 WHEREAS, he was a dedicated educator who served as Principal of the Thomastown
8 Elementary School from 1951 to 1970 and of the Northwest Primary School from 1970 to
9 1981; and
- 10 WHEREAS, for 39 years, he served as director and administrator of the Ogletree Street
11 Recreation Center; and
- 12 WHEREAS, he has worked as a volunteer for many local civic organizations including the
13 American Red Cross and the Troup County unit of the American Heart Association; and
- 14 WHEREAS, as an African American, he was a pioneer in many ways in Troup County
15 having been the first black board member of the United Way and the first black bailiff; and
- 16 WHEREAS, he is a member of the 100 Black Men and for 74 years has been a member of
17 the LaGrange Committee Social Club; and
- 18 WHEREAS, since 1952, he has been a member of the Warren Temple United Methodist
19 Church where he has served faithfully; and

1 WHEREAS, he has been a dedicated husband to his wife, Rubye Cleveland Griggs, for over
2 60 years and is the devoted father of one son, Bruce Wellington Griggs.

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
4 the members of this body honor William J. Griggs and express their sincere appreciation for
5 his many contributions to the State of Georgia as an educator and a community leader.

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
7 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to William J. Griggs.