

House Resolution 2019

By: Representatives Benfield of the 56th, Post 1, Mobley of the 58th, McClinton of the 59th, Post 1, and Oliver of the 56th, Post 2

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring and remembering the life, leadership, and service to public education of Dr. Carl
2 Gilbert Renfroe; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, public education, the City of Decatur, and the State of Georgia have lost a hero,
4 a leader, and a man of uncommon courage and vision with the passing of Dr. Carl Gilbert
5 Renfroe on March 21, 2004; and

6 WHEREAS, as superintendent of Decatur City Schools, Dr. Renfroe provided the leadership
7 and courage that resulted in the swift and peaceful integration of the city's schools and was
8 the first integrated school system in metro Atlanta and likely the state; and

9 WHEREAS, Dr. Renfroe dedicated over 44 years of faithful service to education and his
10 students, ensuring a brighter future for the young people of this state and all of Georgia; and

11 WHEREAS, under his supervision, Dr. Renfroe required all of the Decatur school system's
12 teaching faculty to receive an advanced education and provided teachers the necessary
13 resources to obtain their advanced degrees; and

14 WHEREAS, he was a veteran of both the United States Navy and World War II and was
15 honorably discharged at the rank of Lieutenant Commander; and

16 WHEREAS, as director of Decatur-DeKalb Y.M.C.A., the DeKalb County Library Board,
17 and the American Red Cross, Dr. Renfroe showed himself to be an exceptionally
18 compassionate, decent, and humanitarian man; and

19 WHEREAS, he is survived by his three loving daughters, Anne, Jean, and Sue; six wonderful
20 grandchildren; and two precious great-grandchildren.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
2 the members of this body honor and remember the eminent life, courageous leadership, and
3 invaluable service to public education and the young people and future of Georgia of Dr. Carl
4 Gilbert Renfroe.

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 the family of Dr. Carl
7 Gilbert Renfroe.