

## House Resolution 27EX

By: Representatives Harrell of the 54<sup>th</sup>, Rice of the 64<sup>th</sup>, Coleman of the 65<sup>th</sup>, Porter of the 119<sup>th</sup>, Coleman of the 118<sup>th</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring Dr. Donald Magee; and for other purposes

2 WHEREAS, Dr. Donald Magee is retiring after a career in education spanning 47 years,  
3 during which he touched the lives of countless children who grew into happy, productive  
4 adults; and

5 WHEREAS, he received a bachelor of science degree in physical education from Illinois  
6 State University in 1958, where he was elected captain of the university football team, and  
7 he received a master of science degree in school administration from the University of  
8 Illinois in 1961 and a Ph.D. degree in educational leadership from Southern Illinois  
9 University in 1985; and

10 WHEREAS, the first 35 years of his career were spent in the State of Illinois, where he  
11 served as a teacher of subjects as diverse as science, business, and driver's education as well  
12 as serving as football coach; he served as principal for eight years, after which he became the  
13 youngest person to serve as district superintendent, a position he held for 22 years; and after  
14 his career as an educator in Illinois he relocated to Georgia, where he has served the students  
15 at St. Andrew's Pre-school in Tucker; and

16 WHEREAS, throughout the years, he has been a strong champion of bond referendums for  
17 the construction of new educational facilities, he started a scholarship program for students  
18 attending Eureka College, and he worked tirelessly on numerous charitable and civic projects  
19 in his community; and

20 WHEREAS, this ardent educator is himself the son of an educator, as his mother, Hazel  
21 Magee, was a fourth grade teacher; and his wife, Florence, and daughter Angie Bennett are  
22 teachers in the Gwinnett County school system and his other daughter, Cynthia Predmore,  
23 is an assistant principal in White Plains, New York; and

1 WHEREAS, while Dr. Magee may be retiring, no one expects him to rest, because his vital  
2 energy and his dedication to the education of our youth combine to form a flame that will not  
3 diminish.

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
5 the members of this body commend Dr. Donald Magee for his many years of dedication to  
6 education and wish him the best in retirement.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
8 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Dr. Donald Magee.