

House Resolution 361

By: Representative Ralston of the 7th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Mr. Lonnie Cole on the occasion of his retirement; and for
- 2 other purposes.

- 3 WHEREAS, Mr. Lonnie Cole has given 33 years of stellar service to the Fannin County
- 4 School System with 20 years of experience as a Georgia state certified classroom teacher and
- 5 13 years of experience as the Fannin County School District Technology Director; and

- 6 WHEREAS, Lonnie Cole began a long, intimate relationship with the Fannin County School
- 7 System when his father was selected to transport students to the campus at Morganton, and,
- 8 since the contract required him to furnish everything needed, Lonnie's father bought a new
- 9 1947 Ford school bus, which he drove over a period of 30 years; and

- 10 WHEREAS, Lonnie completed high school at the recently built East Fannin High School in
- 11 1963 and attended North Georgia Technical School and then Truett-McConnell College; and

- 12 WHEREAS, in 1969, he earned a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from the
- 13 University of Georgia, where he met the love of his life, Sue Ware, whom he married in
- 14 1968; and

- 15 WHEREAS, Lonnie created his own construction business that specialized in building and
- 16 selling residential homes, and, after a five-year sabbatical from the academic world, he
- 17 accepted a position at Fannin County Comprehensive High School where he taught business
- 18 education for 18 years; and

- 19 WHEREAS, in 1994, he became the director of technology for the Fannin County School
- 20 District, and has since committed himself wholeheartedly to the implementation of computer
- 21 facilities in schools throughout Fannin County; and

- 1 WHEREAS, he currently holds a Master of Education degree and an Education Specialist
2 degree from Lincoln Memorial University; and
- 3 WHEREAS, during his tenure as director of technology, the Fannin County School System
4 has connected all of its facilities for a system-wide communication network and installed
5 approximately 1,300 computers for instructional and administrative purposes; and
- 6 WHEREAS, today's students emerge into a rapidly changing world, where technological
7 skills represent a major factor in the job market; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Lonnie Cole has provided an indispensable service to Fannin County and
9 brought honor to the State of Georgia.
- 10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
11 the members of this body join in recognizing Mr. Lonnie Cole for his 33 years of excellence
12 in education on the occasion of his retirement, commending his outstanding performance as
13 director of technology for the Fannin County School System, and extending to him the
14 sincerest best wishes for his future.
- 15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
16 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Lonnie Cole.