

House Resolution 630

By: Representative Martin of the 47th

A RESOLUTION

1 Celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Alpharetta Elementary School building; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, although the current Alpharetta Elementary School building was constructed
4 in the 1950s, the school has carried on a tradition of excellence in educating the youth of the
5 Alpharetta community since before 1860; and

6 WHEREAS, in the 1920s, the school opened formally, on the site of the present Old Milton
7 High School, as a one room school house, and in the tradition of one room school houses,
8 even grades were taught one year and odd grades were taught the next; and

9 WHEREAS, the Fulton County Board of Education authorized the construction of the current
10 Alpharetta Elementary School building in the 1950s to accommodate the needs of the
11 growing community, and the structure has received additions on four occasions; and

12 WHEREAS, in the 1980s, the school received its largest set of additions to date, adding a
13 special education wing, a gymnasium, an administration wing, a first grade and kindergarten
14 wing, and a media center, which was named in honor of the school's first librarian, Mary
15 Carruth Vaughn; and

16 WHEREAS, the school continued to grow as the years passed, achieving an all time largest
17 enrollment of approximately 1,200 students; and

18 WHEREAS, the school has known a number of capable principals, including Viola Martin,
19 Doris Couch, Carolyn Meeks, Jackie Littlefield, and Pat Reed; and

20 WHEREAS, the history of the elementary school is tightly interconnected with the life of the
21 community, and Alpharetta Elementary School prides itself on the richness of its tradition;
22 and

1 WHEREAS, for the residents of the Alpharetta area, the elementary school is not simply a
2 place of learning; the building is a symbol of their intimate kinship with the past as well as
3 their greatest hope for the future of their children.

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
5 the members of this body join in celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Alpharetta
6 Elementary School building; express gratitude to the teachers, administrators, and staff for
7 their excellent service in guiding each new generation of young Georgians; and extend their
8 sincerest best wishes for the school's future growth and success.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
10 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the Alpharetta Elementary
11 School.