

House Resolution 646

By: Representative Powell of the 29<sup>th</sup>

#### A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring and remembering the life of Lonnie Rondall Burns; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia has lost one of its most distinguished citizens with the  
3 passing of Lonnie Burns on March 17, 2007; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Mr. Burns had three priorities in life: God, family, and work, and he was  
5 devoted to each of these in a way that shall continue to serve as an example to all of us as to  
6 how to find the right balance in our lives among those things we hold most dear; and
- 7 WHEREAS, he started his teaching career working with special education students and even  
8 started Special Olympics in Habersham County, where he spent most of his career in  
9 education; and
- 10 WHEREAS, he held about every academic job possible, moving up from teacher to  
11 superintendent and then spending his "retirement years" as finance and facilities director for  
12 the Hart County School System; and
- 13 WHEREAS, Mr. Burns was genuinely interested in the welfare of the children of this state  
14 and worked diligently to ensure that students would have the best possible places to learn,  
15 helping to create new schools with his financial expertise; and
- 16 WHEREAS, this man, heralded as one of the most knowledgeable citizens in the State of  
17 Georgia as far as educational finances, will never be forgotten as he has left his mark in the  
18 new school buildings in Hart County that he helped to plan and for which he played a vital  
19 role in their construction; and
- 20 WHEREAS, he is survived by his mother, his wife Phyllis Franklin Burns, his son Michael  
21 Lonnie Burns of Cornelia, his daughter Julie Kay Burns of Atlanta, his brother T. Mark

1 Burns of Westminster, South Carolina, and his sister, Melba Windham, of Hilton Head  
2 Island, South Carolina; and

3 WHEREAS, in life he commanded the esteem of his fellow Georgians; at his death it is  
4 fitting and proper that we offer our sympathies to his family and friends.

5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
6 the members of this body join together to express their deepest regret at the passing of  
7 Lonnie Rondall Burns and extend their most sincere condolences to his family.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
9 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Lonnie  
10 Rondall Burns.