

Senate Resolution 1138

By: Senator Harbison of the 15th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Dr. John A. Phillips; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Dr. John A. Phillips is widely recognized throughout the state as the
3 personification of excellence in education; and

4 WHEREAS, this highly respected professional educator and administrator has served with
5 honor and distinction as teacher, assistant principal, principal, assistant superintendent for
6 instruction, associate superintendent for system operations, and since January, 2003, he has
7 served as Superintendent of the Muscogee County School District in Columbus, Georgia; and

8 WHEREAS, he earned post doctorals from the University of Georgia, Harvard Graduate
9 School of Education, Columbia University, the University of Southern California, Lamar
10 University, and Vanderbilt University; a Doctor of Philosophy degree from Georgia State
11 University; an Educational Specialist degree from Georgia Southern College; a Master of
12 Education degree from Georgia Southern College; and a Bachelor of Science degree from
13 St. Leo College; and

14 WHEREAS, he has nearly 40 years of experience as a professional educator and has been
15 superintendent of schools for four different school systems, including the Rockdale County
16 School System in Conyers, Georgia; the Eanes Independent School District in Austin, Texas;
17 the Bartow County School System in Cartersville, Georgia; and the Muscogee County
18 School District in Columbus, Georgia; and

19 WHEREAS, he is a shining example of the important impact that the efforts of individual
20 education professionals and school superintendents are making on the quality of education
21 received by the children of this state, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that his
22 superlative accomplishments be recognized appropriately.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
2 heartily and gratefully commend Dr. John A. Phillips for his over three decades of sacrifice,
3 foresight, accomplishment, and contributions on behalf of education in Georgia and for the
4 positive influence he has had upon the lives and futures of countless young people in this
5 state and extend to him their most sincere best wishes for health and happiness in the future.

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
7 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Dr. John A. Phillips.