

House Resolution 412

By: Representatives Benton of the 31st and McCall of the 30th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the history of Benton Elementary/High School; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Benton Elementary/High School opened in October, 1936, in Nicholson,
3 Georgia, was built on land donated by John David, and was named in honor of the Jackson
4 County Superintendent of Schools, T.T. Benton; and

5 WHEREAS, with an original enrollment of approximately 300 students for grades 1 through
6 11, the students of Benton Elementary/High School met in ten classrooms and had only three
7 students in the first graduating class, Herbert Barnett, Odell Howington, and Sybil Swindle;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, the school's vocational building was completed in 1940, which served as a
10 commodity distribution site during World War II; and

11 WHEREAS, in 1957, the last senior class graduated from Benton but the elementary school
12 continued and currently houses pre-kindergarten through fifth grade; and

13 WHEREAS, the school's band program, which began in the late 1960's, marked the first for
14 the illustrious band programs in Jackson County schools; and

15 WHEREAS, over the years, this superlative school has maintained a proud tradition of
16 excellence in education through the outstanding efforts of the dedicated and hard-working
17 administration, faculty, and staff and the bright, focused, and determined students; and

18 WHEREAS, by creating a safe and respectful learning environment, the teachers of Benton
19 Elementary School enable students to learn with confidence, experience success, and achieve
20 their maximum potential; and

21 WHEREAS, the teachers, administration, and staff of Benton Elementary work diligently and
22 conscientiously to ensure students have access to the training and resources necessary to
23 succeed and foster positive relationships and mutual respect; and

24 WHEREAS, by its example, Benton Elementary has set a standard of achievement and a
25 model of excellence and success for other schools to emulate; and

26 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia takes great pride in the diligent study and preparation taken
27 by the students of Benton Elementary and looks forward in anticipation to the great
28 achievements this school will accomplish in the future.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
30 the members of this body recognize the rich history and tradition of Benton Elementary/High
31 School.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
33 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Benton Elementary School.