

Senate Resolution 313

By: Senator Seabaugh of the 28th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Mr. Blake Bass on the occasion of his retirement; and for
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Blake Bass has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the
4 vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the education
5 of the students of Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Bass has dedicated 34 years to the field of education as a teacher and
7 administrator and has served as superintendent of Coweta County School System for the last
8 seven years; and

9 WHEREAS, a native of Coweta County, Mr. Bass graduated from Newnan High School and
10 earned bachelor's, master's, and education specialist's degrees from West Georgia College;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, he began his distinguished career in education as a history teacher and varsity
13 football coach in 1976 at Heard County High School and has served as an educator and coach
14 at Villa Rica High School, Evans Middle School, and Newnan High School; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Bass served as assistant principal of East Coweta High School and principal
16 of Central Middle School before moving to system administration in 1997, where he served
17 as director of human resources, executive director of administrative services, assistant
18 superintendent of administrative services, and associate superintendent; and

19 WHEREAS, he has led the Coweta County School System as superintendent since 2004,
20 where he has operated the system under balance each year while maintaining a modest
21 expansion of annual system reserves; and

22 WHEREAS, during his tenure as superintendent, the Coweta County School System has
23 avoided layoffs of certified personnel, avoided increases in local property tax rates, increased
24 SAT scores above the national average, improved and expanded school facilities, earned two
25 district-wide re-accreditations, and returned to a school based leadership model; and

26 WHEREAS, Mr. Bass has been recognized with numerous honors and accolades for his
27 leadership and guidance of the Coweta County School System, including being named
28 Coweta County Citizen of the Year in 2011; and

29 WHEREAS, Mr. Bass has served with honor and distinction with the Coweta County School
30 System, and his vision and unyielding commitment will be sorely missed upon the occasion
31 of his retirement; and

32 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
33 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
35 commend Mr. Blake Bass for his sacrifice, foresight, accomplishment, and contributions on
36 behalf of education in Georgia, recognize the positive influence he has had upon the lives and
37 futures of countless young people in this state, and congratulate him upon the grand occasion
38 of his retirement.

39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
40 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Blake Bass.