

House Resolution 712

By: Representative Austin of the 10th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing Historic Demorest School; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Historic Demorest School opened its doors in 1940 and had an initial
3 enrollment of 425 students, including 325 in grammar grades and 100 in high school; and

4 WHEREAS, the school's first faculty included 12 teachers with Mr. Robert H. Phelps serving
5 as superintendent; and

6 WHEREAS, Historic Demorest School's last high school class was in 1952, after which time
7 the school was converted into a school for students in grades one through eight; and

8 WHEREAS, over the years numerous principals have led Historic Demorest School to
9 success, including Mr. Robert H. Phelps, Mr. W.W. Coffee, Mr. A.L. James, Mr. T.H.
10 Chambers, Mr. James Perry, Mrs. Sandra Bennett, Mrs. Alison Anglin, Mr. Warner
11 Hunnicutt, Mrs. MaryBeth Thomas, and Mr. Randolph Kent; and

12 WHEREAS, for over more than 70 years, Historic Demorest School has maintained a proud
13 tradition of excellence in education through the outstanding efforts of the dedicated and
14 hard-working administration, faculty, and staff and the bright, focused, and determined
15 students; and

16 WHEREAS, by creating a safe and respectful learning environment, Historic Demorest
17 School has enabled students to learn with confidence, experience success, and achieve their
18 maximum potential; and

19 WHEREAS, the teachers, administration, and staff of Historic Demorest School have worked
20 diligently and conscientiously to ensure that students have access to the training and
21 resources necessary to succeed and foster positive relationships and mutual respect; and

22 WHEREAS, Historic Demorest School has been in existence longer than any other school
23 currently operating in Habersham County and, with great sadness, the school will close its
24 doors for the final time in June, 2011; and

25 WHEREAS, Historic Demorest School and its dedicated faculty and staff have touched the
26 lives of thousands of students and uplifted the community, and its presence in the Habersham
27 County education arena will be sorely missed.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
29 the members of this body recognize the amazing history of Historic Demorest School and
30 commend its numerous successful alumni for their contributions to their community and this
31 state.

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 Historic Demorest School.