

## House Resolution 1075

By: Representative Burns of the 157<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Mr. Rob Porterfield; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Mr. Rob Porterfield has demonstrated that great faith in God and support from  
3 family and friends can provide strength in the face of adversity; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Mr. Porterfield drew upon the strength of his relationship with the Lord and  
5 drew trust from His plan after being diagnosed with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS),  
6 which is also known as Lou Gehrig's Disease and currently has no known cure; and
- 7 WHEREAS, he serves as principal of Effingham County Middle School (ECMS), where the  
8 faculty and students have provided prayers, support, and hope for his condition; and
- 9 WHEREAS, a graduate of Furman University and the University of South Carolina, Mr.  
10 Porterfield is an avid Gamecocks fan and enjoys going to football games with family and  
11 following Southeastern Conference football; and
- 12 WHEREAS, Mr. Porterfield is admired and respected by his nearly 750 students at ECMS,  
13 where he is known to lead with humility and works each day to make the school a better  
14 place for his staff and students; and
- 15 WHEREAS, he has served as an educator at ten different schools throughout his  
16 distinguished career in education and spent 20 years as a teacher and basketball coach before  
17 becoming athletic director and an assistant principal at South Effingham High School; and
- 18 WHEREAS, due to his leadership as principal, ECMS has elevated academic performance  
19 and expectations, with a 10 percent increase in the number of students who exceeded  
20 standards on the Criterion Referenced Competency Test last year alone; and

21 WHEREAS, Mr. Porterfield has assembled a care team at ECMS made up of himself, his  
22 administrators, the school attendance clerk, counselors, a parent liaison, a school  
23 psychologist, and a social worker to discuss at-risk students at the school; and

24 WHEREAS, Mr. Porterfield has been a resident of Effingham County for 15 years, is united  
25 in love and marriage to his supportive wife, Debbie, and has been blessed with two  
26 remarkable children, Paige and Martin; and

27 WHEREAS, in recognition of his contributions to the students in this state, it is abundantly  
28 fitting and proper for this body to honor the extraordinary commitment and accomplishments  
29 of this outstanding individual.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
31 the members of this body commend Mr. Rob Porterfield on his decades of sacrifice,  
32 foresight, accomplishment, and contributions on behalf of education in Georgia and  
33 recognize the positive influence he has had upon the lives and futures of countless young  
34 people in this state.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
36 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Rob Porterfield.