

## House Resolution 1565

By: Representatives Smith of the 70<sup>th</sup> and Horne of the 71<sup>st</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Dr. Bob Heaberlin for being selected as Georgia's 2011 National Distinguished  
2 Principal and inviting him to be recognized by the House of Representatives; and for other  
3 purposes.

4 WHEREAS, the National Distinguished Principal (NDP) award is given by the National  
5 Association of Elementary School Principals (NAESP) and the United States Department of  
6 Education; and

7 WHEREAS, the National Distinguished Principals program is corporately sponsored by  
8 VALIC and Nova Southeastern University; and

9 WHEREAS, the criteria for selection of the award require that the honorees are selected by  
10 their colleagues for achievements above and beyond those expected in a school program,  
11 must have been a principal for five years, maintain high expectations of students and staff,  
12 show evidence of outstanding contributions to their schools and profession, and are  
13 established and respected members of the community; and

14 WHEREAS, Dr. Bob Heaberlin is a graduate of the University of Georgia, West Georgia  
15 College, Francis Marion College, and Ohio University; and

16 WHEREAS, he has been principal of Lee Middle School for the past five years and  
17 previously held the position of principal at Newnan Crossing Elementary School, East  
18 Coweta Middle School, Winston Dowdell Academy, and Temple High School; and

19 WHEREAS, he has been honored numerous times over the years, including the Outstanding  
20 Educator Award by the Georgia Association of Educational Leaders (GAEL), the Dr. John  
21 Lounsbury Award, the GAMSP Exemplary Leadership Award, and the GMSA President's  
22 Award; and

23 WHEREAS, Dr. Bob Heaberlin's leadership style is one that fosters strong relationships with  
24 all stakeholders, including feeder neighborhoods, community leaders, parents, staff, and  
25 students; and

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

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
29 the members of this body commend Dr. Bob Heaberlin for being selected as Georgia's 2011  
30 National Distinguished Principal, wish him future success, and invite him to be recognized  
31 by the House of Representatives at a date and time designated by the Speaker of the House  
32 of Representatives.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
34 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Dr. Bob Heaberlin.