

House Resolution 631

By: Representatives Chapman of the 167th, Atwood of the 179th, and Jones of the 47th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the alumni of Glynn Academy on the occasion of the school's
2 225th anniversary; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the name Glynn Academy has been used to designate at least two unknown
4 structures, four different currently existing buildings, a whole campus of buildings and
5 classrooms, and last, but perhaps most importantly, a metaphoric memory for a wonderful
6 chapter in the lives of those who attended this magnificent school; and

7 WHEREAS, Glynn Academy was founded in 1788 following the passage of an Act of the
8 Georgia General Assembly on February 1, 1788, which authorized the erection and
9 maintenance of an academy based on the English model of supporting a network of state
10 academies through individual state counties which would rent lots for 99 years and use the
11 money collected to support the education of its citizens; and

12 WHEREAS, Glynn Academy was built at a time when the state Constitution did not
13 recognize education as duty of the state, and thus, the institution is possibly the only school
14 in the State of Georgia that has continuously provided a tuition-free public education to all
15 of its children throughout its entire history; and

16 WHEREAS, the physical beginnings of Glynn Academy, residing, as the school's alma mater
17 says, "Mong the Lordly Oaks of Brunswick," actually began in 1840 in the form of a
18 two-story wooden Greek revival building, currently referred to as Alumni Hall and the oldest
19 wooden schoolhouse in the State of Georgia; and

20 WHEREAS, after the Civil War, when classes were resumed, Glynn Academy began to
21 expand in a series of new buildings over the next eight decades, including the addition of
22 Memorial Hall, Wood Gym, and the Sidney Lanier Building; and

23 WHEREAS, to the students who have attended Glynn Academy over the past 225 years, the
24 school represents one of the real milestones in the great adventure of life, serving as more
25 than a high school providing a first-class education but also a place where students
26 encountered that special teacher who "took the time to turn a life around"; and

27 WHEREAS, Glynn Academy has been an integral component in the countless economic,
28 social, and technologic changes that the State of Georgia has undergone in the past 225 years,
29 and it is abundantly fitting and proper that its exemplary students be recognized for their
30 loyalty and affection for their historical alma mater.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
32 the members of this body recognize the alumni of Glynn Academy for the role they have
33 played in the legacy cultivated by this distinguished institution, commend the school for its
34 rich history and continued growth, and extend their sincere best wishes for future success.

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 the Glynn Academy Alumni
37 Association.