

House Resolution 1855

By: Representative Powell of the 32nd

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Jim Gurley; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens
3 with the passing of Jim Gurley on February 26, 2014; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Mr. Gurley was raised in the Crossroads community of Hartwell, Georgia, and
5 was the beloved son of the late Audron and Lula Mae Stone Gurley; and
- 6 WHEREAS, his life's work was education, and he served at all levels, beginning as a teacher
7 of eighth grade English and moving into administration, where he served the people of Hart
8 County as school superintendent; and
- 9 WHEREAS, Mr. Gurley spent much of his career with the State Department of Education
10 as a regional director, where he was best known for efficiency in planning and budgeting;
11 and
- 12 WHEREAS, he transitioned into the Clarke County School District, and in 2012 he received
13 the distinguished honor of having the school district transportation building named the Jim
14 Gurley, Sr. Transportation Facility; and
- 15 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Mr. Gurley was an active member of
16 Crossroads Baptist Church, where he served in several capacities, including as a Sunday
17 school teacher and chairman of the finance committee; and
- 18 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to Angie, and was blessed with two
19 remarkable children, Jim, Jr., and Josh; and

20 WHEREAS, Mr. Gurley gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep
21 concern for his fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding he
22 demonstrated to his family and friends were admired by others; and

23 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, he will long be remembered for his love
24 of family and friendship, and this loyal gentleman and friend will be missed by all who had
25 the great fortune of knowing him.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
27 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Jim Gurley and express
28 their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
30 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Jim Gurley.