

House Resolution 687

By: Representative Brooks of the 55<sup>th</sup>

#### A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Dr. Beverly Hall; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the passing of Dr. Beverly Hall on March 2, 2015;  
3 and
- 4 WHEREAS, Beverly La-Forte Clare was born on July 7, 1946, in Montego Bay, Jamaica,  
5 the beloved daughter of Leslie and Ivy; her father died when she was two years old, and her  
6 mother insisted she get the best education, which meant an all-girls high school known for  
7 its rigorous academics; and
- 8 WHEREAS, she graduated from Brooklyn College in New York City and earned her master's  
9 degree from City University of New York and a doctorate from Fordham University; and
- 10 WHEREAS, Dr. Hall's first teaching job was at a tough middle school in Brooklyn; she soon  
11 moved into school administration, and when she left the New York City school system, she  
12 was vice chancellor for instruction, the city's number two education post; and
- 13 WHEREAS, she was already known as an innovator in urban education when she became  
14 the fifth superintendent of Atlanta Public Schools in July, 1999; and
- 15 WHEREAS, in February, 2009, she was named the National Superintendent of the Year and  
16 was credited with boosting standardized test scores while creating "a model of urban school  
17 reform"; and
- 18 WHEREAS, Dr. Hall announced that she would leave Atlanta Public Schools upon the  
19 expiration of her contract in June, 2011; and
- 20 WHEREAS, the devotion, patience, and understanding this soft-spoken educator  
21 demonstrated to her family and friends were admired by others; and

22 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous woman, Dr. Hall will long be remembered for  
23 her love of family and friendship, and this loyal gentlewoman and friend will be missed by  
24 all who had the great fortune of knowing her.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
26 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Dr. Beverly Hall and  
27 express their deepest and most sincere regret at her passing.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
29 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the  
30 family of Dr. Beverly Hall.