

House Resolution 611

By: Representative Gilliard of the 162<sup>nd</sup>

### A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Alfred Ely Beach High School; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Alfred Ely Beach High School is one of the oldest public high schools located  
3 in Savannah, Georgia; and

4 WHEREAS, in 1867, the Beach Institute was established by the Freedman's Bureau with  
5 funds donated by Alfred Ely Beach; although the Beach Institute closed down in 1915, it was  
6 reopened as an African American cultural center and the Beach name survives in the name  
7 of Alfred Ely Beach High School; and

8 WHEREAS, the high school has won numerous titles, including Outstanding Service by a  
9 High School in 2010 at the 38th annual Jefferson Awards, and in 2014 and 2015 it earned  
10 bronze status in *U.S. News and World Report* as one of the best schools in America; and

11 WHEREAS, Alfred Ely Beach High School's graduation rate has risen from 51 percent in  
12 2011 to 84 percent in 2016; and

13 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the rich history and academic  
14 accomplishments of this extraordinary high school be appropriately recognized.

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
16 the members of this body commend Alfred Ely Beach High School.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
18 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to  
19 Alfred Ely Beach High School.