

House Resolution 710

By: Representatives Park of the 101st, McClain of the 100th, Brockway of the 102nd, Chandler of the 105th, Efstoration of the 104th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring Hooper-Renwick High School and encouraging the protection and preservation of
2 its historical integrity; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Hooper-Renwick High School was established in Lawrenceville, Georgia, after
4 a tornado destroyed the Rocky Knob High School for African Americans in 1924, which was
5 originally the only school for black children in the area; and

6 WHEREAS, after Rocky Knob High School was destroyed, many began to lobby Congress
7 and combine their own resources to help build a school for African American children, and
8 by the early 1930's, their dreams became a reality with the opening of Hooper-Renwick High
9 School; and

10 WHEREAS, the school was founded by Mack Renwick, Marshall M. Hooper, Hubert
11 Langston, and Timothy Summerour, Sr., after the local community realized the need for
12 improved education for all Gwinnett citizens; and

13 WHEREAS, Hooper-Renwick High School was the only public school for African American
14 children until 1968, when schools were finally desegregated; and

15 WHEREAS, recently, the high school was purchased by the City of Lawrenceville and may
16 be in danger of being destroyed, therefore the members of this body are encouraged to
17 support the protection of its diverse history by raising awareness in the community; and

18 WHEREAS, the Hooper-Renwick Preservation Committee has produced many alternative
19 ideas, such as creating a Hooper-Renwick Cultural Arts and Community Center, a
20 Hooper-Renwick Remembrance Courtyard, or a Hooper-Renwick Memorial and Monument
21 with the names of its founders and alumni.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
23 the members of this body honor Hooper-Renwick High School for the significant
24 contributions it has made to Georgia's rich African American history and culture and
25 encourage the protection and preservation of its historical integrity.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
27 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
28 Hooper-Renwick Preservation Committee, the public, and the press.