

House Resolution 1070

By: Representative Hugley of the 136<sup>th</sup>

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Mr. Welcome Emerson Mason for his extraordinary  
2 accomplishments and lifetime of public service; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Welcome Emerson Mason has long been recognized by the citizens of this  
4 state for the vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to  
5 the education of Georgia's children; and

6 WHEREAS, a proper quality education for the young people of this state is the single most  
7 important objective of the General Assembly; and

8 WHEREAS, a native of Lincoln County, Georgia, Mason graduated from Paine College in  
9 1950, received his master's degree from Atlanta University, and became a lifelong member  
10 of Phi Delta Kappa Education fraternity; and

11 WHEREAS, he was united in marriage to the late Rubye Fielder, and they were blessed with  
12 six wonderful children; and

13 WHEREAS, Mason has championed civil rights throughout his life as a member of the  
14 NAACP and by breaking new ground by becoming the first African American principal in  
15 Lincoln County High School history; and

16 WHEREAS, his innumerable recognitions and achievements include serving as a board  
17 member and president of the Paine College National Alumni Association, serving as director  
18 of Project Head Start, holding the position of regional director for the Georgia Teachers and  
19 Education Association, acting as Grand Marshal of the 2000 Christmas Parade, and serving  
20 as a principal in the Lincoln County School System for more than 31 years; and

21 WHEREAS, Mason was appointed by Governor Zell Miller to the Georgia State Physical  
22 Therapy Board in 1993; and

23 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this  
24 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
26 the members of this body recognize and commend Mr. Welcome Emerson Mason for his  
27 efficient, effective, unselfish, and dedicated public service to the State of Georgia and extend  
28 the most sincere best wishes for continued health and happiness.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
30 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to  
31 Mr. Welcome Emerson Mason.