

## House Resolution 168

By: Representatives Hawkins of the 27<sup>th</sup>, Dubnik of the 29<sup>th</sup>, Dunahoo of the 30<sup>th</sup>, and Barr of the 103<sup>rd</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending and saluting the 125th graduating class of Gainesville High School; and for  
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Gainesville High School is one of Georgia's ten oldest high schools, chartered  
4 in 1892; and

5 WHEREAS, thirteen graduates received diplomas in 1894, having studied Latin,  
6 trigonometry, analytical geometry, physics, chemistry, history, and English literature, and  
7 each graduate withstood oral questioning from the Gainesville Board of Education; and

8 WHEREAS, more than 400 students will have diplomas bestowed in May at the  
9 commencement exercises at City Park as they complete the rigorous state and local  
10 graduation requirements; and

11 WHEREAS, the Class of 2019 undertook challenging classes of the core curriculum, plus  
12 17 Advanced Placement courses, earning distinction; students also participated in dual  
13 enrollment, earning more than 1,000 college credit hours, and work based learning  
14 internships with local businesses in 18 career pathways under the CTAE program, working  
15 more than 19,000 hours; and

16 WHEREAS, Gainesville High School proudly produced state and national champions of  
17 academia, fine arts, and athletics, including two Pulitzer Prize winners, a NASA astronaut,  
18 two Heisman Memorial Trophy runners-up, and numerous Emmy recipients; graduates have  
19 excelled in careers of business, academia, journalism, government, sports, military, and all  
20 aspects of the fine arts; and

21 WHEREAS, recent Gainesville High School valedictorians are enrolled at Harvard, MIT,  
22 Georgia Tech, Wellesley College, Emory University, and Dartmouth College, confirming the  
23 school's superior academic tradition; and

24 WHEREAS, Gainesville High School's famed Red Elephant, the mascot since the 1930s,  
25 remains a symbol of strength, agility, durability, and pride.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
27 the members of this body commend and salute Gainesville High School for reaching its  
28 125th anniversary in 2019 and for the valued promise it makes to improve the lives of  
29 students, families, and its proud community.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
31 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the  
32 faculty and staff of Gainesville High School.