

House Resolution 187

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

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Saluting the 125th graduating class of Gainesville High School; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Gainesville High School (GHS) is one of Georgia's ten oldest high schools,
3 chartered in 1892; and
- 4 WHEREAS, thirteen graduates received diplomas in 1894, having studied Latin,
5 trigonometry, analytical geometry, physics, chemistry, history, and English literature, and
6 each graduate withstood oral questioning from the Gainesville Board of Education; and
- 7 WHEREAS, more than 400 students will have diplomas conferred in May at the
8 commencement exercises at City Park as they complete the rigorous state and local
9 graduation requirements; and
- 10 WHEREAS, the Class of 2019 undertook challenging classes of the core curriculum plus 17
11 Advanced Placement courses, earning distinction, and participated in dual enrollment earning
12 more than 1,000 college credit hours and work based learning internships with local
13 businesses in 18 career pathways under the CTAE program, working more than 19,000
14 hours; and
- 15 WHEREAS, Gainesville High School proudly produced state and national champions of
16 academia, fine arts, and athletics, including two Pulitzer Prize winners, a NASA astronaut,
17 two Heisman Memorial Trophy runners-up, numerous Emmy recipients, a Grammy winner,
18 a Masters golf champion, and a university president, as graduates have excelled in careers
19 of business, academia, journalism, government, sports, military, and all aspects of the fine
20 arts; and
- 21 WHEREAS, recent GHS valedictorians are enrolled at Harvard, MIT, Georgia Tech,
22 Wellesley College, Emory University, and Dartmouth College, confirming the school's
23 superior academic tradition; and

24 WHEREAS, Gainesville High School's famed Red Elephant, its mascot since the mid-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 salute Gainesville High School for reaching its 125th anniversary
28 in 2019 and for the valued promise it makes to improve the lives of students, families, and
29 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.