

Senate Resolution 787

By: Senators James of the 35th, Dugan of the 30th, Rhett of the 33rd and Seay of the 34th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending R.L. Cousins High School and Hutcheson High School as the first African
2 American schools in Douglas County; and for other purposes.

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

5 WHEREAS, R.L. Cousins High School was a 12 grade school on Malone Street in
6 Douglasville, Georgia. It was opened in 1957 under Principal John W. Stewart; and

7 WHEREAS, it was a replacement school for the former Hutcheson High School; and

8 WHEREAS, the high school portion closed in 1971, and the buildings became Douglas
9 County Junior High School. The next year, the school was renamed Stewart Middle School;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, John W. Stewart remained the principal until 1977; and

12 WHEREAS, in recognition of such remarkable contributions to the education and welfare
13 of Georgia's students, it is abundantly fitting and proper for this body to honor the historic
14 importance of R.L. Cousins High School and its predecessor, Hutcheson High School.

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
16 commend R.L. Cousins High School and Hutcheson High School as the first African
17 American schools in Douglas County.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
19 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the public and the
20 press.