

House Resolution 1603

By: Representatives Bonner of the 72nd, Mathiak of the 73rd, Jackson of the 64th, Bazemore of the 63rd, and Singleton of the 71st

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Dr. Joseph C. Barrow Jr.; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Dr. Joseph C. Barrow Jr. is currently in his seventh and final year of service as
3 the superintendent of Fayette County Schools; and
- 4 WHEREAS, over his 40 years of experience as an educator, he has served as a teacher,
5 assistant principal, principal, and superintendent across the K-12 spectrum in several Georgia
6 school systems; and
- 7 WHEREAS, during his tenure, Dr. Barrow has achieved many noteworthy accomplishments
8 that have enriched the lives of countless students, including the establishment of
9 School-Based Health Centers, the implementation of advanced 21st century technology and
10 innovative programs, and the leading of construction projects that have received national
11 recognition; and
- 12 WHEREAS, his commitment to the proper education of Georgia's youth is further
13 exemplified by his service with several organizations, including the Georgia Association of
14 Educational Leaders (GAEL), where he served as president; the American Association
15 School Administrators, where he served as a member on the executive committee and
16 governing board; and the Georgia Leadership Institute of School Improvement, where he
17 served on the board of directors; and
- 18 WHEREAS, Dr. Barrow has received numerous awards and honors in recognition of his
19 distinguished record of service, including the Georgia School Superintendents Association's
20 Bill Barr Leadership Award, the GAEL 2017 Outstanding Educator Award, and the
21 AVPRIDE Diamonds in the Rough honor; and
- 22 WHEREAS, this distinguished gentleman has given inspiration to many through his high
23 ideals, morals, and deep concern for his fellow citizens, and he possesses the vast wisdom

24 which only comes through experience and the strength of character which is achieved
25 through overcoming the many challenges of life; and

26 WHEREAS, he is a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for
27 integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness; and

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

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
31 the members of this body recognize and commend Dr. Joseph C. Barrow Jr. for his efficient,
32 effective, unselfish, and dedicated service to the youth of Georgia; congratulate him upon the
33 grand occasion of his retirement; and extend the most sincere best wishes for continued
34 health and happiness.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
36 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Dr.
37 Joseph C. Barrow Jr.