

## House Resolution 1603

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

## 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.