

House Resolution 1575

By: Representatives Herring of the 145th, Jones of the 143rd, and Paris of the 142nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the remarkable career and lifelong dedication of Dr. Thelma Dillard and her
2 exemplary service in education, civil rights, and community leadership within the Bibb
3 County region; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, Dr. Thelma Dillard devoted 56 years to the Bibb County School District,
5 beginning her career as an educator and retiring after decades of teaching, mentoring
6 students, and enriching academic communities across the county; and

7 WHEREAS, she spent 44 years directly in classrooms inspiring and encouraging generations
8 of learners; and

9 WHEREAS, after her initial retirement in 2011, she continued to serve her community by
10 joining the Bibb County Board of Education, serving for an additional 12 years in elected
11 office; and

12 WHEREAS, her family played an active role in the integration of the Bibb County public
13 schools, contributing to progress in civil rights and equal educational access; and

14 WHEREAS, as an elected member of the Bibb County Board of Education, Dr. Dillard
15 represented District 2 with distinction, advocating for policies and practices that foster
16 student achievement, equity, and high-quality instruction for all learners across the district;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, during her tenure she worked relentlessly to show her dedication to good
19 governance, educational improvement, and the betterment of students; and

20 WHEREAS, beyond her work in public schools, Dr. Dillard has been honored by local
21 leaders and the community for her outstanding commitment to children and families, and she
22 consistently uplifted our children by celebrating graduates and encouraging them to pursue
23 their dreams in diverse careers; and

24 WHEREAS, Dr. Dillard's legacy extends beyond institutional roles to encompass a deep
25 personal commitment to service, compassion, and community advocacy, rooted in her belief
26 that every child can succeed and should be given the opportunity to thrive regardless of
27 background or circumstance.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
29 the members of this body honor and commend Dr. Thelma Dillard for her extraordinary
30 contributions to education, her unwavering leadership within the Bibb County School District
31 and Board of Education, and her lifelong dedication to expanding opportunity and
32 championing excellence for all students.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
34 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Dr.
35 Thelma Dillard.