House Resolution 845

By: Representative Thomas of the 56th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Frederick Douglass High School's Class of 1970; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, August 22, 2015, marks the 45-year class reunion of Frederick Douglass High

3 School's Class of 1970; and

4 WHEREAS, the Atlanta Public School System established Frederick Douglass High School

5 to relieve overcrowding at nearby Harper, Turner, and West Fulton High Schools, and

6 Frederick Douglass High School opened in August of 1968 with grades eight through 11; and

7 WHEREAS, the school was located at 225 Hightower Road, which is now known as

8 Hamilton E. Holmes Drive, Atlanta, Georgia, and on May 18, 1970, 357 students graduated

9 at the Civic Center in downtown Atlanta, Georgia; and

10 WHEREAS, the first principal was Dr. Lester W. Butts, the assistant principals were Mr. H.

11 Harris and Mrs. J. Daniel, Atlanta Public School superintendent was Dr. S. W. Letson, and

12 Area Four superintendent was Mr. Cecil Thornton; and

13 WHEREAS, for the Class of 1970, David Carr was the first class president and the second

14 was Ronald Sailor; the first co-captains of the football team were Adrian Malone, Jesse

15 Mobley, and Stanley Cobb, and the co-captains for the basketball team were Stanley

16 Jefferson, David Carr, and junior classmate Bernard Roberson; the first Miss Douglass High

17 School Queen was Denise Tremier, and the first runner up was Barbara Denson; and

18 WHEREAS, before becoming the Mighty Astros, many recommendations for school mascot

19 names were suggested, including the Squirrels and the Ducks; the dynamic school colors are

20 and will forever be black and gold.

21   NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that

22   the members of this body commend Frederick Douglass High School's Class of 1970 upon

23   the occasion of its 45-year class reunion.

24   BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized

25   and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to

26   Frederick Douglass High School's Class of 1970.