

House Resolution 563

By: Representative Howard of the 124th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and congratulating Mr. Marion E. Barnes upon the grand occasion of his
2 retirement; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Marion E. Barnes is a proud member of the Lucy C. Laney High School
4 Class of 1950 and the Lucy C. Laney High School Hall of Fame; and

5 WHEREAS, he graduated from Paine College in 1957, and he now serves as a member of
6 the Paine College Athletic Hall of Fame; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Marion E. Barnes became employed by the Richmond County School
8 System in 1957 and served as a teacher, coach, counselor, assistant principal, and principal
9 during his 36 year tenure with Richmond County Schools; and

10 WHEREAS, his strong support of countless students, teachers, and administrative
11 professionals at C.T. Walker Elementary, A.R. Johnson Junior High School, Tubman Middle
12 School, and T.W. Josey High School has impacted the community by creating leaders in
13 education, business, arts, and industry; and

14 WHEREAS, his unwavering commitment to his students earned him the honor of being
15 named Teacher of the Year at C.T. Walker Elementary School; in honor of his strong
16 leadership as the longest serving principal at T.W. Josey High School, where he served 17
17 years from 1976 until his retirement in 1993, the Marion E. Barnes Career Center at T.W.
18 Josey High School stands as a place to train students for generations to come; and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Marion E. Barnes was first elected to serve the citizens of Richmond
20 County as a trustee of the Richmond County Board of Education in 2001, and he is the first
21 trustee to serve three terms as president of the board; during his 20 years of outstanding
22 service as trustee, the Richmond County Board of Education was recognized by the Georgia
23 School Board Association with Distinguished Board honors in 2014, 2015, 2016, and 2018,
24 and with Exemplary Board honors in 2019 and 2020; and

25 WHEREAS, his devotion to ensuring the success of all children by giving selflessly of his
26 time and talents to the Richmond County School System for more than 50 years has been
27 instrumental in the advancement of our mission to prepare children for life beyond the
28 classroom.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
30 the members of this body recognize Mr. Marion E. Barnes for his efficient, effective,
31 unselfish, and dedicated service to the Richmond County School System; congratulate him
32 upon the grand occasion of his retirement; and extend the most sincere best wishes for
33 continued health and happiness.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
35 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Mr.
36 Marion E. Barnes.