

House Resolution 259

By: Representatives Glaize of the 67th, Jones of the 47th, Martin of the 49th, Hilton of the 48th, Campbell of the 35th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Dr. Mike Looney, Georgia's 2024 Superintendent of the Year;
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Dr. Mike Looney has served as the superintendent of Fulton County Schools,
4 Georgia's fourth-largest school district, since June 2019, where he oversees the education of
5 more than 87,000 students across 104 schools; and

6 WHEREAS, he has spearheaded initiatives that enhance academic achievement, career
7 readiness, and leadership development for both students and educators with a strategic focus
8 on dropout prevention, literacy, CTAE expansion, STEAM programs, middle school reform,
9 and strong financial management; and

10 WHEREAS, through his careful fiscal oversight, he has maintained the district's AAA credit
11 rating, prioritizing investments in classrooms and student programs; and

12 WHEREAS, within his first year as superintendent, Dr. Looney demonstrated decisive
13 leadership in managing Georgia's first school-related COVID-19 case, drawing upon his 28
14 years of educational experience as well as his background as a retired United States Marine,
15 father, and community leader to maintain student learning while ensuring safety; and

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16 WHEREAS, he then launched the district's "Bridge to Success" plan after the pandemic, a
17 three-year transformational initiative aimed at addressing learning loss through targeted
18 support, leading to students surpassing pre-pandemic levels in reading and math and
19 achieving a record-high 90.7 percent graduation rate in 2023; and

20 WHEREAS, his exceptional leadership and vision have earned him recognition as Georgia's
21 2024 Superintendent of the Year, adding to his prior distinction as Tennessee's
22 Superintendent of the Year in 2015; and

23 WHEREAS, as further testament to his dedication to Fulton County Schools, Dr. Looney
24 represents the district on the Governor's Advisory Board, the Board of Directors for the
25 Development Authority of Fulton County, and the Greater North Fulton Chamber of
26 Commerce; and

27 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable individual be
28 appropriately honored.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
30 the members of this body recognize and commend Dr. Mike Looney, Georgia's 2024
31 Superintendent of the Year, for his years of service on behalf of the students of Fulton
32 County as well as extend best wishes for continued success.

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 Mike Looney.