

House Resolution 265

By: Representative Powell of the 33rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Gary Minyard, recipient of the 2024 Pioneers in Education Award; and for
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Gary Minyard, a retired agriculture teacher and dedicated Franklin County
4 Board of Education member, has been honored as a recipient of the 2024 Pioneers in
5 Education Award in recognition of his exceptional contributions and years of service; and

6 WHEREAS, a native of Franklin County, he earned his associate's degree from Emmanuel
7 College and obtained his bachelor's, master's, and specialist degrees from the University of
8 Georgia, establishing a strong foundation for his lifelong career in education; and

9 WHEREAS, after teaching for a year in Wilkes County, he returned to Franklin County and
10 dedicated 39 years of exemplary service to the Franklin County School System, instructing
11 at both the middle and high school levels and retiring in 2014; and

12 WHEREAS, he played a pivotal role in developing one of the most successful agricultural
13 programs in the State of Georgia, leading the Franklin County FFA Chapter to state and
14 national recognition as well as advising numerous state officers and national winners; and

15 WHEREAS, his leadership extended beyond the classroom through his service with the
16 Georgia Vocational Association, earning him the National Association of Agricultural
17 Educators Lifetime Achievement Award in recognition of his lasting impact on agricultural
18 education; and

19 WHEREAS, in addition to his service on the Franklin County Board of Education, he is an
20 active member of the Hart EMC Foundation Board, Gideons International, and Zidon Baptist
21 Church, where he serves as a deacon; and

22 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this outstanding individual be
23 appropriately honored during this special time.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
25 the members of this body commend Gary Minyard, recipient of the 2024 Pioneers in
26 Education Award, for his remarkable contributions to education, his lifelong dedication to
27 agriculture, and his continued service to the Franklin County community as well as extend
28 best wishes for future health and happiness.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
30 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Gary
31 Minyard.