

## House Resolution 388

By: Representatives Beckles of the 96<sup>th</sup>, McClain of the 109<sup>th</sup>, Okoye of the 102<sup>nd</sup>, Reeves of the 99<sup>th</sup>, Lim of the 98<sup>th</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Beauty P. Baldwin; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Beauty P. Baldwin's remarkable journey from a sharecropping field in 1950s  
3 middle Georgia to becoming one of the most respected educators in the state is a story of  
4 resilience, faith, and a relentless commitment to shaping the future of education; and

5 WHEREAS, born Beauty Poole, she grew up in the heart of Georgia, and after excelling in  
6 her early studies at T.J. Elder High School, Beauty P. Baldwin enrolled at Savannah State  
7 College, where she graduated in 1963; and

8 WHEREAS, she accepted her first teaching job at a segregated high school in Ellaville,  
9 Georgia, serving as the school's entire math department, and she later moved to Columbus,  
10 Georgia, where she taught at Hardaway High School for a decade, navigating the  
11 complexities of school integration with grace and authority; and

12 WHEREAS, in 1973, she took a position at Central Gwinnett High School in Gwinnett  
13 County, where she served as the only Black educator—her contributions to the school,  
14 including the establishment of a nationally recognized vocational education program,  
15 advanced her into the role of assistant principal in 1978; and

16 WHEREAS, in 1980, her career took a historic turn when she was recruited by Buford City  
17 Schools to serve as principal, where after four years, she was appointed the district's  
18 superintendent, making history as the first Black school superintendent in Georgia; and

19 WHEREAS, her appointment was met with national attention, and she was honored by the  
20 Congressional Black Caucus in Washington, D.C., as one of the first Black female  
21 superintendents in the United States; and

22 WHEREAS, Beauty P. Baldwin served as superintendent of Buford City Schools for 14  
23 years, retiring in 1994 after 31 years in education; and

24 WHEREAS, following her retirement, she continued her work in education by founding  
25 Hopewell Christian Academy in 1997, a school dedicated to providing a strong academic  
26 foundation grounded in Christian values; and

27 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this distinguished educator and academic  
28 professional be appropriately honored.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
30 the members of this body recognize and commend Beauty P. Baldwin for her decades of  
31 service on behalf of the youth of this state as well as extend best wishes for future health and  
32 happiness.

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  
35 Beauty P. Baldwin.