

House Resolution 2040

By: Representative Scott of the 76<sup>th</sup>

### A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Mr. Jack Leslie for his extraordinary service and dedication  
2 to the safety and well-being of students and families in DeKalb County; and for other  
3 purposes.

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Jack Leslie has faithfully dedicated more than 25 years of service to the  
5 DeKalb County community as a School Crossing Guard, ensuring the safety of countless  
6 students and families with vigilance, care, and consistency; and

7 WHEREAS, prior to his role as a Crossing Guard, Mr. Leslie served honorably with the  
8 DeKalb County Public Safety Department and later joined the DeKalb County School  
9 District, where he has been a trusted and respected presence supporting faculty, staff,  
10 students, and families across several South DeKalb schools; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Leslie's commitment to public service spans more than four decades,  
12 including a distinguished 41-year career with the City of Atlanta, from which he retired as  
13 a supervisor, exemplifying leadership, integrity, and professionalism; and

14 WHEREAS, even in retirement, Mr. Leslie continued to serve others as a K-Mart door  
15 greeter before pursuing his passion for school safety, demonstrating a lifelong commitment  
16 to community engagement and service; and

17 WHEREAS, a proud native of Atlanta and one of 14 siblings, Mr. Leslie was raised in the  
18 historic Mechanicville community and has remained deeply rooted in service and family  
19 values; and

20 WHEREAS, he shared 36 years of marriage with his beloved late wife, Henrietta, and  
21 together they raised four children, building a legacy of love, strength, and resilience in the  
22 Columbia Woods community, where he has resided for more than 50 years; and

23 WHEREAS, Mr. Leslie is the proud grandfather of six grandchildren and great-grandfather  
24 of 11 great-grandchildren, all of whom reflect the enduring impact of his guidance, wisdom,  
25 and devotion; and

26 WHEREAS, in recognition of his outstanding service, Mr. Leslie was honored with the  
27 Crossing Guard of the Year Award in 2021, a testament to his unwavering dedication,  
28 reliability, and excellence; and

29 WHEREAS, known for his remarkable work ethic, Mr. Leslie begins each day at 5:00 AM,  
30 arriving early to his post to ensure the safety of students, demonstrating a level of  
31 commitment that goes far beyond duty and reflects true servant leadership; and

32 WHEREAS, he has cultivated strong relationships with school staff and takes great pride in  
33 being an active and valued part of the school community, particularly at Toney Elementary

34 School, where his presence brings comfort and reassurance to students and families alike;  
35 and

36 WHEREAS, outside of his service, Mr. Leslie enjoys fishing, nurturing fruit trees around his  
37 home, watching western films, and spending quality time with his beloved family,  
38 embodying a life of balance, joy, and purpose; and

39 WHEREAS, Mr. Jack Leslie stands as a true "community warrior," whose lifelong dedication  
40 to public service, safety, and family reflects the highest ideals of citizenship and deserves  
41 recognition and honor.

42 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
43 the members of this body recognize and commend Mr. Jack Leslie for his outstanding  
44 service, unwavering dedication, and immeasurable contributions to the DeKalb County  
45 community and the State of Georgia.

46 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
47 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Mr.  
48 Jack Leslie.