

## House Resolution 1018

By: Representatives Kennard of the 102<sup>nd</sup>, Clark of the 108<sup>th</sup>, McClain of the 100<sup>th</sup>, Marin of the 96<sup>th</sup>, Harrell of the 106<sup>th</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending J. Alvin Wilbanks, CEO and superintendent of Gwinnett County Public  
2 Schools; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, a proper quality education for the young people of this state is the single most  
4 important objective of the General Assembly; and

5 WHEREAS, since March 1996, J. Alvin Wilbanks has been a highly praised superintendent  
6 for Gwinnett County Public Schools, tirelessly directing an extraordinary amount of time and  
7 talent toward guiding students to a brighter future; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Wilbanks became involved in education administration after traveling  
9 extensively abroad, promoting technical and vocational education and organizing the United  
10 States and International Skills Olympics; and

11 WHEREAS, at the beginning of his career as superintendent, Mr. Wilbanks served  
12 concurrently as the district's assistant superintendent of Human Resources and Continuous  
13 Improvement and as president of Gwinnett Technical College, which he opened in 1984; and

14 WHEREAS, during his tenure as superintendent, Mr. Wilbanks has applied his expertise in  
15 crafting significant education reform legislation at the state and federal levels; and

16 WHEREAS, under Mr. Wilbanks' leadership, Gwinnett County Public Schools has earned  
17 a reputation as one of the most successful school districts in the country, including winner  
18 of The Broad Prize for Urban Education in 2010 and 2014; and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Wilbanks is also active in several civic and professional organizations,  
20 including the Gwinnett Chamber of Commerce, the Gwinnett County Board of Public Health,  
21 the Lawrenceville Rotary Club, the Northeast Georgia Council of the Boy Scouts of  
22 America, and the Georgia Council on Economic Education; and

23 WHEREAS, in recognition of such remarkable contributions to the education and welfare  
24 of Georgia's students, it is abundantly fitting and proper for this body to honor the  
25 extraordinary accomplishments and achievements of this outstanding gentleman.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
27 the members of this body commend J. Alvin Wilbanks for his selfless dedication to the future  
28 of the young people of this state and express their most sincere best wishes for continued  
29 success.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
31 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to J.  
32 Alvin Wilbanks.