

House Resolution 1177

By: Representatives Bruce of the 61st, Alexander of the 66th, Boddie of the 62nd, and Collins of the 68th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending R.L. Cousins High School and Hutcheson High School as the first African
2 American schools in Douglas County; 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, R.L. Cousins High School was a 12 grade school on Malone Street in
6 Douglasville, Georgia. It was opened in 1957 under Principal John W. Stewart; and

7 WHEREAS, it was a replacement school for the former Hutcheson High School; and

8 WHEREAS, the high school portion closed in 1971, and the buildings became Douglas
9 County Junior High School. The next year, the school was renamed Stewart Middle School;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, John W. Stewart remained the principal until 1977; and

12 WHEREAS, in recognition of such remarkable contributions to the education and welfare
13 of Georgia's students, it is abundantly fitting and proper for this body to honor the historic
14 importance of R.L. Cousins High School and its predecessor, Hutcheson High School.

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
16 the members of this body commend R.L. Cousins High School and Hutcheson High School
17 as the first African American schools in Douglas County.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
19 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
20 public and the press.