

## House Resolution 1248

By: Representatives Adeyina of the 110<sup>th</sup>, McClain of the 109<sup>th</sup>, Mitchell of the 88<sup>th</sup>, Okoye of the 102<sup>nd</sup>, Burnough of the 77<sup>th</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Beauty Baldwin; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Beauty Baldwin was the first African-American female superintendent in the  
3 State of Georgia and served as superintendent of Buford City Schools for nearly ten years;  
4 and
- 5 WHEREAS, she was born in Baldwin County, Georgia; and
- 6 WHEREAS, she raised in middle Georgia in the 1950s, where she experienced the harsh  
7 realities of sharecropping, financial struggles, and limited opportunities, but despite these  
8 challenges, she showed exceptional academic promise and her mother, recognizing her  
9 potential, supported her education by holding a lantern while she studied math in the  
10 evenings; and
- 11 WHEREAS, she received her Bachelor of Arts in mathematics from Savanna State College  
12 in Savannah, Georgia, and her Master and Specialist degrees in Administration from the  
13 University of Georgia; and

14 WHEREAS, she has dedicated more than 50 years of her life to educating the children of  
15 Georgia; and

16 WHEREAS, she has long been a member of many state and national education associations  
17 while maintaining membership in civic, service, and community organizations, including the  
18 Gwinnett County American Red Cross Advisory Committee, the Gwinnett Coalition of  
19 Health and Human Services Advisory Board, the Georgia Council on Adult Literacy, and the  
20 Georgia Board of Medical Assistance, among numerous others; and

21 WHEREAS, she was recently recognized as a 50 year or "Golden" member of Alpha Kappa  
22 Alpha Sorority, Inc., and she is a charter member of Upsilon Alpha Omega Chapter of Alpha  
23 Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.; and

24 WHEREAS, is a loyal member of Hopewell Baptist Church in Norcross, Georgia, where she  
25 is a member of the Deaconess Ministry and the Shepherd's Care Ministry; and

26 WHEREAS, she is united in love and marriage to her husband, Lucious Baldwin, and they  
27 are the proud parents of a wonderful daughter, Gerri Baldwin Gonzalez; and

28 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this  
29 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
31 the members of this body recognize and commend Beauty Baldwin and thank her for her  
32 efficient, effective, unselfish, and dedicated public service to the State of Georgia and extend  
33 the most sincere best wishes for continued health and happiness.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
35 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to  
36 Beauty Baldwin.