

## House Resolution 1480

By: Representatives Coleman of the 97<sup>th</sup>, Chandler of the 105<sup>th</sup>, Casas of the 107<sup>th</sup>, Cantrell of the 22<sup>nd</sup>, Stovall of the 74<sup>th</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of Dr. Allene Harris Magill; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens  
3 and influential educational leaders with the passing of Dr. Allene Harris Magill on January  
4 27, 2018; and

5 WHEREAS, Allene was the executive director of the Professional Association of Georgia  
6 Educators (PAGE) and former superintendent of three Georgia school districts, serving as  
7 a tireless advocate for student engagement, professional educators, and public education; and

8 WHEREAS, she was born on December 27, 1943, in Tupelo, Mississippi, and began her  
9 teaching career in Hamilton, Mississippi, in 1974, often talking about the important lessons  
10 she learned as a reading teacher to elementary school children living in poverty; and

11 WHEREAS, these early experiences influenced all of her efforts with student engagement,  
12 effective teaching, and professional learning over the course of her storied 44-year career;  
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14 WHEREAS, in 1976, Allene and her family moved to Paulding County, where she and her  
15 husband were teachers in the Paulding County School District and where she served two  
16 terms as an elected superintendent beginning in 1988; and

17 WHEREAS, she also served as superintendent in the Forsyth County School System from  
18 1995 to 2000 and in Dalton Public Schools from 2001 to 2003; and

19 WHEREAS, Allene accepted the position of executive director at PAGE in July 2003, where  
20 she served until her passing; and

21 WHEREAS, due to her exceptional abilities and knowledge of teaching, learning, and the  
22 operation of schools, Allene was given many opportunities to provide leadership throughout  
23 the State of Georgia and was often honored for her work; and

24 WHEREAS, she was twice named Georgia's superintendent of the year and was named the  
25 F.M. Fulbright Outstanding Educator by the Georgia Association of Educational Leaders;  
26 and

27 WHEREAS, Allene served as the president of the Georgia School Superintendents  
28 Association and the Georgia Association of Educational Leaders; and

29 WHEREAS, she also served on the Board of Regents for the University System of Georgia;  
30 and

31 WHEREAS, Allene provided leadership on numerous state committees related to education,  
32 most recently on the Education Turnaround Advisory Council, which selected the state's new  
33 chief turnaround officer for struggling schools; and

34 WHEREAS, Allene was a visionary leader who saw great potential in people and helped all  
35 with whom she worked to accomplish more than they ever thought possible; and

36 WHEREAS, she never stopped striving to ensure that educators had the support they needed  
37 in order to develop professionally and to provide the best instruction and highest degree of  
38 leadership in the classroom, regardless of their position; and

39 WHEREAS, all who worked with Allene knew her as an insatiable learner and reader who  
40 expected all teachers and leaders to do the same; and

41 WHEREAS, her most passionate work as the executive director of the Professional  
42 Association of Georgia Educators was the organization's focus on professional learning for  
43 educators and the development of initiatives that connected school districts in regional  
44 networks, which fostered collaboration centered around student engagement and building  
45 relationships with students, parents, and their communities; and

46 WHEREAS, she is survived by her husband, Charles Magill; sons, Steve (Kim) Magill and  
47 Tim Magill; and grandchildren, Taylor (Ryan) Sterritt, Cassidy (Justin) Evans, Caroline,  
48 Riley, Cade, and Ty; and

49 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous woman, Allene will long be remembered for her  
50 love of family and friendship and will be missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing  
51 her.

52 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
53 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Dr. Allene Harris Magill  
54 and express their deepest and most sincere regret at her passing.

55 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
56 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the  
57 family of Dr. Allene Harris Magill.