

## House Resolution 1666

By: Representatives Coleman of the 97<sup>th</sup>, Casas of the 107<sup>th</sup>, Dudgeon of the 25<sup>th</sup>, Clark of the 101<sup>st</sup>, Dickson of the 6<sup>th</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Dr. James "Jim" Puckett on the grand occasion of his  
2 retirement; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Dr. James "Jim" Puckett has long been recognized for his contributions to the  
4 education profession, including his leadership and commitment to improving opportunities  
5 for the children of Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, impacting education on multiple levels, his career spanned from serving as a  
7 classroom teacher in Buford, Georgia, to educating countless board members and public  
8 education officials for the National School Boards Association; and

9 WHEREAS, Dr. Puckett is a lifelong resident of Gwinnett County and a graduate of Emory  
10 University and the University of Georgia; and

11 WHEREAS, during his 17 years with Buford City Schools, he served as a teacher, coach,  
12 assistant principal, principal, and superintendent; and

13 WHEREAS, Dr. Puckett was the director of Research and Development for the Metro  
14 Atlanta Regional Service Agency; and

15 WHEREAS, he spent four years as the director of the Georgia Education Leadership  
16 Academy for the Georgia Department of Education and led the Georgia Association of  
17 Educational Leaders as the executive director for 12 years; and

18 WHEREAS, the Georgia Association of Educational Leaders created the Puckett  
19 Outstanding Educator Award, which honors an individual who personifies the leadership  
20 qualities modeled by Dr. Puckett; and

21 WHEREAS, Dr. Puckett has served in many roles with the Georgia School Boards  
22 Association (GSBA) for 14 years, including providing professional development for school  
23 board members and assisting significantly with GSBA's advocacy efforts in the Georgia  
24 General Assembly and the State Board of Education; and

25 WHEREAS, Dr. Puckett is a loving husband, father, and grandfather and his integrity,  
26 intelligence, humor, quiet resolve, and humility leave a lasting and positive influence for  
27 generations, shaping the future of this state for the better; and

28 WHEREAS, Dr. Puckett will retire on March 31, 2016, after 49 years of service and it is  
29 abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this distinguished  
30 educator and leader be appropriately recognized.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
32 the members of this body recognize and commend Dr. James "Jim" Puckett for his service  
33 and accomplishments and congratulate him upon the grand occasion of his retirement.

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 Dr.  
36 James "Jim" Puckett.