

House Resolution 765

By: Representative Burns of the 159th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of Dr. Arthur Linton “A.L.” Freeland; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Dr. Arthur Linton “A.L.” Freeland was born on July 25, 1947, in Dublin
3 Georgia, a beloved son of Raymond and Mary Freeland, and he graduated in 1965 from
4 Dublin High School; and

5 WHEREAS, he served with honor and distinction as an educator and administrator with
6 numerous academic institutions; and

7 WHEREAS, he taught at South Georgia College, Saint Leo University, and Claxton High
8 School where he was named STAR Teacher twice; and

9 WHEREAS, he was also a principal at Effingham County High School and Jasper County
10 High School, before coming home in 1985 to be principal at Central Middle School, later
11 Screven County Middle School; and

12 WHEREAS, following his retirement in 2003, he continued to serve as a member of the
13 Screven County Retired Educators, Georgia Retired Educators, and the Professional
14 Association of Georgia Educators; and

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15 WHEREAS, as further testament to his dedication to his community, he additionally served
16 as a long term board member and Paul Harris Fellow of the Sylvania Rotary Club, a member
17 of the Carolina Po Boys Muzzleloaders, the National Rifle Association, and more; and

18 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, A.L. was an active member and deacon of
19 Little Horse Creek Baptist Church; and

20 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to his wife, Jewelle, and was blessed with
21 two remarkable children, John and Ann, as well as four wonderful grandchildren, Katherine,
22 Bryce, Alex, and Clayton; and

23 WHEREAS, he gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep concern
24 for his fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding he demonstrated to his
25 family and friends were admired by others; and

26 WHEREAS, he was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation
27 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness, and by the example he made of his life, he
28 made this world a better place in which to live; and

29 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, A.L. will long be remembered for his love
30 of family, friendship, and community and will be missed by all who had the great fortune of
31 knowing him.

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
33 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Dr. Arthur Linton "A.L."
34 Freeland and express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
36 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
37 family of Dr. Arthur Linton "A.L." Freeland.