

House Resolution 958

By: Representatives Mughal of the 105th, McClain of the 109th, Okoye of the 102nd, and Adeyina of the 110th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing Phillip Beard for his work and impact on the City of Buford; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Phillip Beard is the current chairman of both the Buford Commission and the
4 Buford City School Board of Education; and

5 WHEREAS, Phillip Beard was born in the City of Buford in 1940; and

6 WHEREAS, Phillip Beard became a Buford businessman when he bought the local
7 dry-cleaning plant Model Cleaners while studying at Georgia Tech; and

8 WHEREAS, Phillip Beard was first elected to the Buford City Commission in 1975, and he
9 became the city commission chairman and the Buford City School Board of Education
10 chairman in 1979; and

11 WHEREAS, when Phillip Beard was elected as city commission chairman, Buford was
12 suffering from financial issues, but under his leadership, the city budget has increased to
13 more than \$211,000,000 as of 2024; and

14 WHEREAS, Phillip Beard has managed to increase the Buford City School Budget from
15 \$310,000 to \$70,000,000 as of 2023; and

16 WHEREAS, as a result of Phillip Beard's leadership, Buford High School is known for being
17 one of the most prestigious high schools in Georgia and for its athletic acumen, having won
18 14 football state championships, three baseball state champions, two-time boys state
19 basketball champions, six-time girls state basketball champions, and five-time state wrestling
20 champions, among many others; and

21 WHEREAS, Phillip Beard was inaugurated into the Georgia Municipal Association's Hall
22 of Fame in 2007.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
24 the members of this body recognize and commend Phillip Beard for his many years of
25 dedicated service to the City of Buford as well as extend best wishes for continued success.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
27 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
28 Phillip Beard.