

House Resolution 266

By: Representatives Jackson of the 64th, Bazemore of the 63rd, Bonner of the 72nd, Mathiak of the 73rd, and Stover of the 71st

A RESOLUTION

1 Recommending Dr. Joseph Barrow as Georgia's 2017 School Superintendent of the Year;
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, a proper quality education for the young people of this state is the single most
4 important objective of the General Assembly; and

5 WHEREAS, nothing is more vital to the future of our state than the education of our young
6 people, and Dr. Joseph Barrow exemplifies selfless dedication as demonstrated by the
7 innumerable hours of his time he has contributed to ensuring the progress of the Fayette
8 County School System; and

9 WHEREAS, Dr. Joseph Barrow is the highly respected superintendent of the Fayette County
10 School System, dedicating his time, talents, and energy to ensuring the highest quality
11 education for the children of Fayette County; and

12 WHEREAS, he has demonstrated exemplary leadership through his involvement in his
13 community, state, and national professional and civic organizations; and

14 WHEREAS, some notable highlights from Dr. Barrow's tenure as superintendent include
15 four of Fayette County's high schools named on the *Washington Post's* list of America's Most
16 Challenging High Schools, Fayette County Schools named to the College Board's Advanced
17 Placement Honor Roll for two consecutive years, the county's graduation rate has increased
18 over the last three years, and Fayette has the second highest graduation rate in the state
19 compared to systems with similar graduation sizes; and

20 WHEREAS, he works tirelessly to see students succeed, making a positive impact on the
21 lives of many by preserving the schools in his community through his positive attitude and
22 commitment to the education of Georgia's youth; and

23 WHEREAS, the devotion to providing the students of Georgia with a quality education
24 demonstrated by Dr. Joseph Barrow is worthy of recognition.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
26 the members of this body recommend Dr. Joseph Barrow for his outstanding commitment
27 to education as Georgia's 2017 School Superintendent of the Year.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
29 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
30 Dr. Joseph Barrow.