

Senate Resolution 1153

By: Senators Miller of the 49th, Tippins of the 37th, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Black of the 8th, Sims of the 12th 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 to educating countless board members and public education officials for
8 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 of service in Buford City Schools, he served as a teacher,
12 coach, assistant principal, principal, and later, 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 (GAEL) 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) over a total of fourteen years, including providing professional
23 development for school board members and assisting significantly with GSBA'S advocacy
24 efforts in the Georgia 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 SENATE that the members of this body
32 recognize Dr. James "Jim" Puckett for his service and accomplishments and commend him
33 upon the grand occasion of his retirement.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
35 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Dr. James "Jim"
36 Puckett.