

Senate Resolution 1245

By: Senators Davenport of the 44th, Tate of the 38th, Fort of the 39th, James of the 35th, Jones of the 10th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the inaugural of the William Alfred Fountain High School Reunion Breakfast;
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, William Alfred Fountain High School, located in Forest Park, Georgia, was the
4 product of the consolidation movement in Clayton County and had a unique beginning in that
5 it housed grades 1 through 12 with an enrollment of approximately 1,200 students; and

6 WHEREAS, realizing the great need for improvement in education, Mr. J.A. Garner,
7 chairperson of the Clayton County Board of Education; Mr. Ware C. Callaway,
8 superintendent of schools in Clayton County; Mrs. Roberta T. Smith, principal of Jonesboro
9 Consolidated High School; and Mrs. Susie Perkins, principal of Forest Chapel Elementary
10 School, worked untiringly to survey the county's educational facilities; and

11 WHEREAS, the late Bishop William Alfred Fountain of the African Methodist Episcopal
12 Church generously sold the tract of land where the new school was built to the Clayton
13 County Board of Education, and thus the new school was named the William Alfred
14 Fountain High School; and

15 WHEREAS, Bishop Fountain was a great educator, statesman, theologian, philanthropist,
16 and world leader who served several Episcopal Dioceses from America to Africa with pride,
17 distinction, and honor, also delivering one of the first major addresses at the school before
18 his death in 1955; and

19 WHEREAS, over a period of many successful years of operation, the school progressed,
20 enrollment increased, staff increased, the curriculum was made more extensive and varied,
21 and the school excelled in sports, drama, and music; and

22 WHEREAS, the last high school class graduated in 1969, and today Fountain stands as an
23 elementary school; and

24 WHEREAS, Fountain High School's graduates are leading successful lives and contributing
25 greatly to society, and they attribute their success to their excellent teachers and parents and
26 the larger community who encouraged them daily at "Dear Ole Fountain High"; and

27 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the inaugural reunion breakfast of
28 Fountain High School be appropriately recognized.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
30 recognize the inaugural of the William Alfred Fountain High School Reunion Breakfast and
31 extend to its attendees their most sincere best wishes for continued success.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
33 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available to the William Alfred Fountain High
34 School Reunion Breakfast attendees.