

House Resolution 1321

By: Representatives Stovall of the 74th, Burnough of the 77th, Scott of the 76th, Smith of the 41st, and Jones of the 53rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing February 28, 2020, as Black Male Educators Day at the state capitol; and for
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the representation of Black male educators remains underwhelming as
4 evidenced by a study by the Center for Black Male Educators which highlights national data
5 showing that Black male educators represent only 2 percent of all educators currently in the
6 field; and

7 WHEREAS, Black male educators are more likely to be familiar with the cultural needs of
8 black students, thus creating a space for positive academic achievement as exemplified by
9 data showing the higher success rate of Black boys who matriculate through schools with
10 Black male educators; and

11 WHEREAS, the presence of Black male educators has been shown to result in better test
12 scores, lower dropout rates, fewer disciplinary issues, and more positive views of schooling
13 for children of color; and

14 WHEREAS, Georgia has a growing number of Black male educators entering the classroom;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, the 2019-2020 Georgia Pre-Kindergarten Teacher of the Year, Johnathon Hines,
17 is the first Black male pre-kindergarten teacher to win the award; and

18 WHEREAS, the increased representation of Black male educators in Georgia's schools
19 requires strategic planning; inclusive, equitable, and supportive school environments; and
20 collaborative efforts at the national, state, and local levels; and

21 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this distinguished group of Georgians be
22 appropriately recognized.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
24 the members of this body recognize February 28, 2020, as Black Male Educators Day at the
25 state capitol.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
27 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
28 public and the press.