

House Resolution 605

By: Representatives Carter of the 175th, Taylor of the 173rd, Watson of the 172nd, and Powell of the 171st

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Frank Delaney, Jr.; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Frank Delaney, Jr., was employed by the Thomas County School System in
3 1969 and assigned to East Ochlocknee School where he served as a teacher and acting
4 principal; and

5 WHEREAS, following the full integration of schools in Thomas County in 1970, he served
6 as a math teacher at Central High School in Thomas County until he was named assistant
7 principal in 1972; and

8 WHEREAS, he was instrumental in being a strong public example, as well as working
9 diligently behind the scenes to help ensure a smooth transition for Thomas County's families
10 and their children as one of the primary steadying forces during the tumultuous years of
11 school desegregation; and

12 WHEREAS, he served as high school assistant principal from 1972 to 1993, earning the love,
13 respect, and admiration of thousands of Thomas County students; and

14 WHEREAS, in 1993, he was named principal of Thomas County Central High School,
15 loyally serving thousands of children from Thomas County until his retirement in 2008; and

16 WHEREAS, when called upon by the school district in a time of need, he returned to the
17 school system in 2011 to serve Thomas County Central High School as Dean of Students and
18 Principal Emeritus; and

19 WHEREAS, he has led students, teachers, and the community at large with his uncanny
20 wisdom, his powerful sincerity, and his gracious good humor; and

21 WHEREAS, Frank Delaney, Jr., is affectionately known by the entire county as "Poppa D"
22 and is considered one of the cornerstones of community influence by all of the citizens
23 within Thomas County; and

24 WHEREAS, the citizens of Thomas County desire to establish a lasting tribute to one whose
25 career spans nearly half a century and has become part of the very fabric of Thomas County,
26 born and raised on Pebble Hill Plantation and spending his entire adult life working with the
27 Thomas County School System; and

28 WHEREAS, he has steadfastly placed God and family as the centerpieces of his leadership
29 philosophy, never shying away from an opportunity to lead people toward one while always
30 making sure to include them as part of the other; and

31 WHEREAS, he has been honored by innumerable social and civil organizations for his
32 invaluable, obedient service to tens of thousands of Thomas County citizens; and

33 WHEREAS, his legacy will continue to impact the development of Thomas County for many
34 generations to come; and

35 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
36 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

37 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
38 the members of this body recognize and commend Frank Delaney, Jr., for his efficient,
39 effective, unselfish, and dedicated public service to Thomas County and the State of Georgia
40 and extend the most sincere best wishes for continued health and happiness.

41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
42 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Frank
43 Delaney, Jr.