

House Resolution 716

By: Representative Buckner of the 137th

A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating and commending Solomon Ferguson; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, on April 20, 2023, Solomon Ferguson will receive the 2023 Boy Scouts of
3 America Distinguished Citizen Award from the Boy Scouts of America Chattahoochee
4 Council at the Roosevelt Hall Auditorium in Warm Springs, Georgia; and

5 WHEREAS, born in Manchester, Georgia, on December 16, 1949, he spent his primary
6 school years in the segregated public schools of Meriwether County, where he was selected
7 to become part of the small group of African American students who would integrate
8 Meriwether County Schools; and

9 WHEREAS, after becoming the first African American man to graduate from Manchester
10 High School, he earned his bachelor's, master's, and educational specialist degrees from the
11 Tuskegee Institute then returned to Meriwether County as a teacher; and

12 WHEREAS, during his distinguished 45-year tenure, Solomon Ferguson served the school
13 district in a variety of positions, including as assistant principal, principal, director of
14 students services, assistant superintendent, and interim superintendent; and

15 WHEREAS, a dedicated and active member of his community, he further serves as chairman
16 of the New Hope Baptist Church's Board of Deacons and has previously served on the boards
17 of the Cane Creek Baptist Association, CAFI, WIOA, and more; and

18 WHEREAS, this distinguished gentleman has given inspiration to many through his high
19 ideals, morals, and deep concern for his fellow citizens, and he possesses the vast wisdom
20 which only comes through experience and the strength of character which is achieved
21 through overcoming the many challenges of life; and

22 WHEREAS, he is a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for
23 integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness; and

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

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
27 the members of this body congratulate and commend Solomon Ferguson for receiving the
28 2023 Boy Scouts of America Distinguished Citizen Award and extend the most sincere best
29 wishes for continued health and happiness.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
31 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
32 Solomon Ferguson.