

House Resolution 967

By: Representatives Jennings of the 63rd and Benfield of the 67th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Briarlake Elementary School as the Georgia Elementary
2 School of Excellence for the Year 2002 from the 4th Congressional District; and for other
3 purposes.

4 WHEREAS, the Georgia Department of Education named Briarlake Elementary School in
5 DeKalb County as the Georgia Elementary School of Excellence for the Year 2002 from the
6 4th Congressional District; and

7 WHEREAS, the Georgia Schools of Excellence program is part of the National Schools
8 Recognition Program sponsored by the US Department of Education to recognize the
9 exceptional public schools in each of Georgia's 11 congressional districts; and

10 WHEREAS, nomination and final selection focuses on several vital areas: student focus and
11 support; school organization and culture; challenging standards and curriculum; active
12 teaching and learning; professional community; leadership and educational vitality; school,
13 family, and community partnerships; and indicators of success; and

14 WHEREAS, Briarlake Elementary School has excelled since it was founded in 1957, and it
15 is known for its strong parental involvement, having 100 percent PTA membership for the
16 last five years; high student achievement test scores in the top quartile nationally; and
17 innovative and resourceful teachers committed to enrichment programs for all student levels;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, Briarlake pioneered the concept of mainstreaming students with hearing
20 impairments providing interpreter support more than a decade ago, and the school serves as
21 a model for other school districts across the nation.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
2 the members of this body commend the students, teachers, and administrators of this very
3 distinguished public school and commend Briarlake Elementary as a School of Excellence.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
5 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the school principal.