

House Resolution 1169

By: Representatives O'Neal of the 139th and Ray of the 128th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending William Kinlock Gottwals; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, William Kinlock Gottwals was widely recognized throughout the state as the
3 personification of excellence in education; and
- 4 WHEREAS, this highly respected teacher served with honor and distinction as a professional
5 educator at the Westfield Schools; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he believed that his role as a teacher was to act as an instrument of inspiration
7 to his pupils and to create a positive learning environment while enhancing his students'
8 abilities to analyze and reason; and
- 9 WHEREAS, he was a shining example of the important impact that the efforts of individual
10 classroom teachers are making on the quality of education received by the children of this
11 state; and
- 12 WHEREAS, he encouraged students to believe in themselves, to pursue every opportunity
13 for personal growth, to make a commitment to excellence in every aspect of their lives, and
14 to develop a love of learning which will be beneficial to them throughout their lives; and
- 15 WHEREAS, he demonstrated the highest degree of professional competence and a natural
16 ability to relate to young people and motivated them to accomplish their goals; and
- 17 WHEREAS, in recognition of his outstanding dedication to academic excellence, he was
18 selected as the 2002 Westfield Schools STAR Teacher.
- 19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
20 the members of this body express regret at the passing of William Kinlock Gottwals, convey
21 condolences to his family, and commend William Kinlock Gottwals for his sacrifice,

1 foresight, accomplishment, and contributions on behalf of the young people of this state and
2 congratulate his family upon his selection as the 2002 Westfield Schools STAR Teacher.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
4 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of William
5 Kinlock Gottwals.