

House Resolution 1205

By: Representatives Benfield of the 67th, Watson of the 70th, Mangham of the 75th, Teper of the 61st, Mobley of the 69th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the DeKalb County Public School System classroom teachers who were
2 awarded national certification by the National Board of Professional Teaching Standards; and
3 for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS) was founded
5 in 1987 as an outgrowth of a Carnegie Corporation initiative. Specifically, the idea of a
6 voluntary system of national certification for teachers was called for in the 1986 report, "A
7 Nation Prepared: Teachers for 21st Century"; and

8 WHEREAS, the NBPTS is a nonprofit, independent organization whose mission is to
9 establish high and rigorous standards for what accomplished teachers should know and be
10 able to do, to develop and operate a national voluntary system to assess and certify teachers
11 who meet these standards, and to advance related education reforms designed to improve
12 student learning in American schools; and

13 WHEREAS, since the inception of the NBPTS, the Georgia Association of Educators (GAE)
14 has been involved with and supportive of the NBPTS. The GAE has worked in numerous
15 ways to ensure that the voluntary, advanced system of professional certification developed
16 by the NBPTS will represent and advance the interest of the classroom teachers and their
17 profession; and

18 WHEREAS, the teachers who obtain national certification demonstrate the five core
19 principles for experienced teachers as enumerated by the national board: (1) teachers are
20 committed to students and their learning; (2) teachers know the subjects they teach and know
21 how to teach those subjects to students; (3) teachers are responsible for managing and
22 monitoring student learning; (4) teachers think systematically about their practice and learn
23 from experience; and (5) teachers are members of learning communities; and

1 WHEREAS, the teachers from the DeKalb County Public School System who have obtained
2 national certification are: Betheda Gramling, Druid Hills High School; Scott Wilson,
3 Avondale Middle School; Susan Cram Hecker, Fernbank Elementary School; Stephanie
4 Turner, Hawthorne Elementary School; Kathryn Helton, Cedar Grove Middle School;
5 Summer Clayton, Cedar Grove Middle School; Annie Jones, Columbia High School; Cheryl
6 Rhodes, Margaret Harris Center; LaTanya Obijiofor, Wynbrooke Theme; John Davis,
7 Kittredge Magnet; and Jill Marshall, Instructional Coordinator Team I.

8

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
10 the members of this body commend Betheda Gramling, Scott Wilson, Susan Cram Hecker,
11 Stephanie Turner, Kathryn Helton, Summer Clayton, Annie Jones, Cheryl Rhodes, LaTanya
12 Obijiofor, John Davis, and Jill Marshall for their outstanding achievements, for their
13 contribution to the boys and girls of Georgia, for serving as trailblazers and pioneers in their
14 profession, and for serving as ambassadors to future participants in the national certification
15 process.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
17 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to Betheda Gramling, Scott
18 Wilson, Susan Cram Hecker, Stephanie Turner, Kathryn Helton, Summer Clayton, Annie
19 Jones, Cheryl Rhodes, LaTanya Obijiofor, John Davis, and Jill Marshall.