

House Resolution 1345

By: Representatives Ehrhart of the 36th, Wiles of the 34th, Kaye of the 37th, Parsons of the 40th and Wix of the 33rd

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending Ms. Ida Yancey Whitaker; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Ms. Ida Yancey Whitaker was selected as the GSCA Elementary Counselor
3 of the Year 2001; and
- 4 WHEREAS, a magna cum laude graduate of Vanderbilt University, she received a Master's
5 Degree in Education and a Specialist in Education from Georgia State University; and
- 6 WHEREAS, she created the "Family Illness Group" to help students who have had a family
7 member diagnosed with a serious illness by letting them speak with nurses and share their
8 thoughts and feelings; and
- 9 WHEREAS, she helped develop "Varner Peer Helpers" which pairs older students from
10 McEachern High School and younger at-risk students from Varner, giving the older students
11 the experience of being a leader and helping younger students with mathematics, reading,
12 and other subjects, and the Peer Helpers also visit local retirement homes; and
- 13 WHEREAS, she has traveled to Egypt as part of a research grant project entitled "Educating
14 to Peace: Linking American and Egyptian Cultures," and while in Egypt she visited local
15 elementary schools and was able to talk with Egyptian students, teachers, and counselors
16 about peace education; and
- 17 WHEREAS, it is only fitting and proper that this outstanding educator be recognized for her
18 many accomplishments and achievements.
- 19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
20 the members of this body recognize and commend Ms. Ida Yancey Whitaker for he many
21 accomplishments and achievements and for her contributions to the children of this state.

- 1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
- 2 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Ms. Ida Yancey Whitaker.