

Senate Resolution 796

By: Senator Brush of the 24th

**ADOPTED SENATE**

**A RESOLUTION**

1 Commending and congratulating Penny A. Miller; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Penny A. Miller has been recognized as the 2002 Teacher of the Year for  
3 Oglethorpe County; and

4 WHEREAS, this highly respected educator has taught language arts to sixth, seventh, and  
5 eighth graders at the Oglethorpe County Middle School in Lexington, Georgia since 1994;  
6 and

7  
8 WHEREAS, she received her Bachelor of Science degree in English from Truman State  
9 University in 1992 and her master's degree in education from the University of Georgia in  
10 1996; and

11 WHEREAS, she is a member of the Professional Association of Georgia Educators, the  
12 National Council of Teachers of English, and was inducted into Phi Delta Kappa in 1996;  
13 and

14 WHEREAS, six years ago she was instrumental in establishing a peer mediation and conflict  
15 resolution program in her school that has significantly reduced the incidences of conflict  
16 among students and the number of discipline referrals for fighting; and

17 WHEREAS, as a dedicated educator she uses methods to help students learn how to think  
18 rather than what to think, that learning can be fun, and can be applied to the real world they  
19 live in; and

20 WHEREAS, her leadership skills, ability to listen to all opinions, ask hard questions, and  
21 move a group toward decisions which are in the best interest of students have been  
22 appreciated by her colleagues as well as parents of students; and

1 WHEREAS, she is a shining example of the important impact that the efforts of individual  
2 classroom teachers are making on the quality of education received by the children of this  
3 state and it is abundantly fitting and proper that her superlative accomplishments be  
4 recognized appropriately.

5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
6 commend Penny A. Miller for her contribution to the education of the young people of  
7 Georgia and congratulate her upon her selection as the 2002 Oglethorpe County Teacher of  
8 the Year.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
10 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Penny A. Miller.