

## Senate Resolution 870

By: Senators Stephens of the 51st and Cagle of the 49th

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Dr. Mark Stallings upon being chosen Georgia Teacher of the Year; and for  
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Dr. Mark Stallings, who teaches science at Gilmer High School in Blairsville,  
4 has been named Georgia Teacher of the Year for the year 2002; and

5 WHEREAS, Dr Stallings, who believes in helping young people change their lives for the  
6 better by being a proactive teacher, uses the primary strategy of empowering his students by  
7 teaching them to solve problems while showing them that they have the power to change the  
8 world around them; and

9 WHEREAS, he believes that teachers have a responsibility to the communities and to the  
10 state to pursue comprehensive training, continually improving throughout their careers, and  
11 assuming the mantle of leadership; and

12 WHEREAS, he was awarded a Bachelor of Science degree in biology from Georgia College  
13 in 1973, a Master of Science degree in secondary education from Kansas State university in  
14 1977, and a Doctor of Philosophy degree from Kansas State University in 1996, and he  
15 taught at Wilkinson County Junior High School in 1974 - 1975, Kansas State University from  
16 1975 to 1980, and Gilmer High School from 1987 to the present; and

17 WHEREAS, he believes that children need to learn self esteem by achieving real success,  
18 which is achieved by setting high standards while also providing the students with the tools  
19 necessary to succeed; and

20 WHEREAS, in recognition of his outstanding dedication to academic achievement, he was  
21 selected as Georgia Teacher of the Year; and

1 WHEREAS, he 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 his superlative accomplishments be  
4 recognized appropriately.

5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
6 heartily and gratefully commend Dr. Mark Stallings for his accomplishments and  
7 contributions on behalf of education in Georgia and for the positive influence he has had and  
8 will continue to have upon the lives and futures of young people in this state and congratulate  
9 him upon his selection as Georgia Teacher of the Year.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
11 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Dr. Mark Stallings.