

House Resolution 1641

By: Representatives Pelote of the 149th, Mueller of the 152nd, Stephens of the 150th, Jackson of the 148th and Day of the 153rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Gwendolyn P. Goodman; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Gwendolyn P. Goodman, who retired as deputy superintendent of schools
3 November 1, 1991, has served the students of the Savannah-Chatham County Public School
4 system in various capacities for the past 34 years. Half of that time she spent as a classroom
5 teacher and the other half as an administrator; and

6 WHEREAS, as a science teacher at Johnson High School, she was named the school's STAR
7 teacher twice, and in 1972 she held that honor for the First Congressional District. In 1973,
8 she was a nominee for the Georgia Teacher Hall of Fame; and

9 WHEREAS, after two years as an assistant principal at Johnson High, Mrs. Goodman
10 became principal there in 1977. She remained in that post until 1989, when she was tapped
11 for administrative roles in the school system's central office. First she served as executive
12 director of school services; later she became deputy superintendent of the division of schools;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, following the departure of the superintendent in September, 1990, Mrs.
15 Goodman assumed the role of interim superintendent. She held that position until August,
16 1991, when a new superintendent was named. At that time, she returned to her role as deputy
17 and also served for two months as a part-time consultant to the board of education after her
18 retirement; and

19 WHEREAS, Mrs. Goodman holds a specialist degree in education from Georgia Southern
20 University, a master's degree from South Carolina State College, and an undergraduate
21 degree in science with a minor in mathematics from Savannah State College. Upon her
22 retirement, Governor Zell Miller appointed Mrs. Goodman to the State Board of Technical
23 and Adult Education; and

1 WHEREAS, she is active in the affairs of her church, St. Anthony's Church, and in the
2 community at large. Among her recent honors was the 1990 Community Service Award,
3 given by Savannah State College. Mrs. Goodman is a frequent speaker for religious and
4 civic gatherings, and in 1992 she entered the field of politics. She became councilwoman
5 for the Second Aldermanic Seat in January, 1992, for the City of Savannah.

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
7 the members of this body commend Gwendolyn P. Goodman for her many achievements and
8 contributions to the welfare of her community and this state.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
10 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Gwendolyn P. Goodman.