

House Resolution 73

By: Representatives Buckner of the 95th, Seay of the 93rd, Jordan of the 96th, Dodson of the 94th and Barnes of the 97th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Toni Wilkerson on her selection as Clayton County's Teacher
2 of the Year 2001; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Toni Wilkerson was chosen by her peers as Teacher of the Year at Jonesboro
4 Middle School and was then selected as the 2001 Teacher of the Year for the Clayton County
5 School System; and

6 WHEREAS, she received her Bachelor of Science degree in social studies from Georgia
7 College and State University in 1970; and

8 WHEREAS, she began her teaching career at St. John's Catholic School in 1971 and, after
9 spending some 13 successful years in the business world, returned to teaching in 1985 as a
10 fifth and sixth grade classroom teacher at Huie Elementary School; and

11 WHEREAS, in 1991, she transferred to Jonesboro Middle School to teach social studies and
12 science; and

13 WHEREAS, she has given much time training future teachers and collaborating with
14 colleagues to raise teaching standards and achievement; and

15 WHEREAS, she is a member of Pi Gamma Mu and the Professional Association of Georgia
16 Educators; and

17 WHEREAS, she is a great supporter of extracurricular activities, including memberships in
18 the Georgia Cheerleading Coaches Association and Clayton County Clean and Beautiful; and

19 WHEREAS, she teaches students to live by her favorite quote from William E. Henley's
20 1875 poem "Invictus": "I am the master of my fate. I am the captain of my soul."

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
2 Toni Wilkerson is recognized and commended upon her selection as the 2001 Teacher of the
3 Year in the Clayton County School System.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
5 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Ms. Wilkerson.