

## House Resolution 903

By: Representatives Greene-Johnson of the 60<sup>th</sup>, Post 3, Williams of the 61<sup>st</sup>, Post 2, Mitchell of the 61<sup>st</sup>, Post 3, Stephenson of the 60<sup>th</sup>, Post 1, and Maddox of the 59<sup>th</sup>, Post 2

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring Joyce Dedeaux on the occasion of her retirement; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Joyce Dedeaux provided 30 years of service in public education in Georgia as  
3 a teacher, registrar, assistant principal, and library media specialist; and
- 4 WHEREAS, she started her life in Birmingham, Alabama, born to the late Mose and  
5 Cartilyon Scott, graduated from Hooper City High School in 1962 in the top 10 percent of  
6 her class, earned a bachelor's degree from Chicago Teachers College, and earned a master's  
7 degree in library science from Chicago State University in 1973; and
- 8 WHEREAS, the majority of her career in public education was as a library media specialist  
9 at Henderson Mill Elementary School in the DeKalb County School System, where her many  
10 valuable contributions include: sponsoring and coordinating media festival winners at the  
11 local, state, and international levels; hosting the County Media Fair; presenting at  
12 conferences; initiating the first Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Observance Assembly and Black  
13 History Program; starting a Birthday Book Program to promote reading; and chairing the  
14 DeKalb County Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl, leading Henderson Mill to become 2003 county  
15 and state champions; and
- 16 WHEREAS, to further enhance her service as a media specialist, she actively participated  
17 in professional organizations including the American Library Association, DeKalb Library  
18 Media Association, Georgia Association of Educators, Georgia Association of Instructional  
19 Technology, Georgia Library Media Association, and National Education Association; and
- 20 WHEREAS, she has been recognized as Teacher of the Month, DeKalb County's Media  
21 Specialist of the Year in 1995, and nationally as a member of Who's Who in America; and
- 22 WHEREAS, her extracurricular activities include active participation in her church,  
23 involvement in the Boys and Girls Clubs of America programs, and performances with the

1 Atlanta Symphony Orchestra and the All Atlanta Gospel Chorus; and

2 WHEREAS, she and her husband, William Dedeaux, are the proud parents of one son, :  
3 William Derek Dedeaux, born May, 1969; and

4 WHEREAS, for her dedication to the children of Georgia, it is abundantly fitting and proper  
5 that the outstanding service of this dedicated citizen of Georgia be appropriately recognized.

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
7 this body recognizes and commends Joyce Dedeaux on the occasion of her retirement and  
8 wishes her the best that retirement can offer.

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 Joyce Dedeaux.