

## House Resolution 1795

By: Representatives Fleming of the 79<sup>th</sup>, Harbin of the 80<sup>th</sup>, and Burmeister of the 96<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending and recognizing Mary Sanders; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Mary Sanders is one of Columbia County's and the nation's finest, most  
3 dedicated, and experienced individuals ever to work in education; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Ms. Sanders has spent 56 years in education and was Columbia County's first  
5 black school board member; and
- 6 WHEREAS, though she is a native of Harlem, Georgia, there were no high schools for black  
7 pupils in her area, so her parents sent her to Athens High School in Athens, Georgia, to  
8 receive her secondary education; and
- 9 WHEREAS, when she began teaching in 1932, Franklin D. Roosevelt was president and  
10 children were still educated in one-room school houses; and
- 11 WHEREAS, she was hired by Columbia County School Superintendent John Pierce  
12 Blanchard to teach at Pollard Academy, an elementary school, in 1954 and was named the  
13 school's principal in 1958; and
- 14 WHEREAS, a position became open at North Harlem Elementary School and she took the  
15 job and served as its principal for 17 years; and
- 16 WHEREAS, she served one term on Columbia County's school board, beginning in 1993;  
17 she declined a second term so she could care for her sick brother; and
- 18 WHEREAS, Ms. Sanders currently is an active member at New Holt Baptist Church where  
19 she serves as its clerk.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
2 this body commends Mary Sanders for being a pillar of the education community and  
3 recognizes her to be a dedicated educator who is greatly admired by parents, fellow  
4 educators, administrators, elected officials, and, most of all, her students.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
6 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mary Sanders.