By: Representative Maddox of the 59<sup>th</sup>, Post 2

## A RESOLUTION

Commending Yolandria Jones-Totten; and for other purposes. 1

2 WHEREAS, Yolandria Jones-Totten is widely recognized throughout the state as the 3 personification of excellence in education; and

4 WHEREAS, this highly respected teacher in the DeKalb County school system has served 5 with honor and distinction as a professional educator at Kelley Lake Elementary School and

currently teaches fourth grade language art classes; and 6

7 WHEREAS, she believes that her role as a teacher is to act as an instrument of inspiration 8 and enthusiasm to her pupils and to create a positive learning environment through the 9 encouragement of competitive instincts in her students; and

10 WHEREAS, in recognition of her outstanding dedication to academic achievement, she has 11 been named 2004 Teacher of the Year for the DeKalb County School System; and

12 WHEREAS, she is a shining example of the important impact that the efforts of individual 13 classroom teachers are making on the quality of education received by the children of this 14 state and it is abundantly fitting and proper that her superlative accomplishments be 15 recognized appropriately.

## NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that 16

17 the members of this body heartily and gratefully commend Yolandria Jones-Totten for her 18 sacrifice, foresight, accomplishment, and contributions on behalf of education in Georgia and for the positive influence she has had upon the lives and futures of so many young people in 19 20 this state and congratulate her upon her being named 2004 Teacher of the Year for the 21 DeKalb County School System.

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- 1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
- 2 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Yolandria Jones-Totten.