

Senate Resolution 448

By: Senators Jones of the 10th and Douglas of the 17th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Ms. Angela Kirby; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Ms. Angela Kirby opened the Art School of McDonough in June of 2003, as
3 Preschool Arts, and later changed the name of the school to reflect the increased offerings
4 the school provides; and

5 WHEREAS, she was a single mother of five when she opened the school, and she feels that
6 she has always been involved in teaching through her work with her own children, guiding
7 them through hours at the local library, on nature trails, and gathering knowledge wherever
8 the opportunity provided; and

9 WHEREAS, her involvement with her children's education convinced her that school
10 programs were extremely limited and her quest to improve that situation culminated with the
11 establishment of The Art School, with a curriculum based on the idea that all forms of
12 communication are equally important and that all cultures have a significance and dignity
13 worth exploring; and

14 WHEREAS, on Friday, February 18, 2005, the children, their family members, and the staff
15 of The Art School turned out to celebrate the first annual art exhibit, which, in keeping with
16 the theme "My World, My Art," featured traditional, indigenous art forms from around the
17 world as interpreted by the students; and

18 WHEREAS, the success of the art show was auspicious, as Ms. Kirby has announced the
19 launch of the first pre-kindergarten program for four-year-old students; and

20 WHEREAS, she truly has a good heart, as there are students at the school who are allowed
21 to complete the school year even though family financial reverses have prevented them from
22 paying their tuition; and

1 WHEREAS, it is only proper that this fine lady who has so selflessly improved art
2 experience for so many children of her community be honored and commended for her
3 efforts.

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that Ms. Angela Kirby be
5 honored and commended for her contribution to her community by enriching children's lives
6 through the arts.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
8 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Ms. Angela Kirby.