

House Resolution 547

By: Representative Everson of the 106th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending John LaMattina, the Norton Elementary School Teacher of the Year; and for
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, a proper quality education for the young people of this state is the single most
4 important objective of the General Assembly; and

5 WHEREAS, dedication and diligence by committed teachers foster excellence in education;
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7 WHEREAS, the annual Teacher of the Year awards are made by local school districts in
8 recognition of teaching excellence; and

9 WHEREAS, John LaMattina has earned distinction and numerous awards for teaching
10 excellence as a result of his dedication to his students and his profession and has been
11 honored as the Norton Elementary School Teacher of the Year; and

12 WHEREAS, he has been teaching for 38 years and is currently teaching fifth grade, offering
13 private instructions on playing the drums to 80 students, teaching three classes before school
14 starts, and serving as co-director of the school's fifth grade musical; and

15 WHEREAS, his teaching philosophy is to give long-term assignments which require
16 long-term commitments on the part of his students; and

17 WHEREAS, he works on higher level thinking skills and believes that success in
18 standardized tests comes from each student's working on reading and writing, as evidenced
19 by having all of his students pass every part of the Georgia Criterion-Referenced
20 Competency Tests (CRCT) in 2006; and

1 WHEREAS, he is serving the youth and citizens of Georgia in one of the most important
2 careers in America; and

3 WHEREAS, in recognition of his contributions to the education and welfare of young people
4 in this state, it is abundantly fitting and proper for this body to honor the extraordinary
5 accomplishments and academic achievements of this outstanding individual.

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7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
8 the members of this body commend heartily John LaMattina, the Norton Elementary School
9 Teacher of the Year, and express to him their sincerest best wishes and confidence in his
10 continued success in the future.

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
12 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to John LaMattina.