

House Resolution 784

By: Representative Ralston of the 7<sup>th</sup>

### A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending Sandra H. Mercier; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Sandra H. Mercier is Superintendent of Fannin County Schools and an  
3 exceptional educator; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Sandra was born and raised in the McCaysville area, attending McCaysville  
5 Elementary and West Fannin High School where upon graduation she attended Young Harris  
6 College and the University of Georgia and graduated with high honors from Clemson  
7 University with a Bachelor of Science in Education and later received her Master's Degree  
8 from North Georgia College and an Education Specialist Degree from Lincoln Memorial  
9 University; and
- 10 WHEREAS, Ms. Mercier began her career teaching 7th grade at Morganton Elementary,  
11 then teaching at East Fannin High School for a short time before moving to West Fannin  
12 High School where she taught English, Drama, and Creative Writing; and
- 13 WHEREAS, while serving in the classroom for 26 years has been honored six times as a  
14 STAR teacher and as Fannin High School 2000 Teacher of the Year and with the Fannin  
15 County Retired Teachers Award for Outstanding Educator; and
- 16 WHEREAS, Sandra's career then led her from the classroom to being assistant principal at  
17 Fannin County High School for one year and Curriculum Director for two years, and she is  
18 currently completing her fifth year as superintendent; and
- 19 WHEREAS, Ms. Mercer is married to Tim Mercier and they have two wonderful daughters,  
20 Melissa and Amanda, married respectively to David Lillard and Joe Foster. Melissa and  
21 David have two children, Zach, age 12 and Annabell Lee, age 3, and Amanda and Joe have  
22 a daughter, Alexandra Grace, who is two months old; and

1 WHEREAS, Sandra is a member of the Advisory Board of Fannin Regional Hospital,  
2 member of the Fannin County Health Board, member and past president of Delta Kappa  
3 Gamma, Women's Honorary Society for Educators, member and vice-chair of the North  
4 Georgia RESA Board of Directors, member and former president of the American Heart  
5 Association, and member of the Fannin County Library Board; and

6 WHEREAS, her other activities include being advisor to the Georgia Mountain Writers'  
7 Project at North Georgia College, and she is a charter member of The Blue Ridge Mountain  
8 Arts Association and a devoted member of First Baptist Church of Blue Ridge; and

9 WHEREAS, her career as an educator and her public service have been characterized by the  
10 highest standards of integrity, excellence, and class; and

11 WHEREAS, Henry Brooks Adams reveals the immense responsibility of being an educator  
12 when he said "A teacher affects eternity, he can never tell where his influence stops," and  
13 Ms. Sandra H. Mercier embodies this important truth as she has made a difference in the  
14 lives of so many and has taken this responsibility to heart.

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
16 the members of this body recognize and commend the extraordinary contributions Sandra H.  
17 Mercier has made to her community and the State of Georgia.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
19 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Sandra H. Mercier.