

House Resolution 1497

By: Representatives Dickson of the 6<sup>th</sup> and Williams of the 4<sup>th</sup>

### A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating and commending Varnell Elementary School for earning the Platinum  
2 Award; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Varnell Elementary School was one of 27 schools in this state to earn the  
4 Platinum Award from the Governor's Office of Student Achievement for making the greatest  
5 gains in student performance; and

6 WHEREAS, to earn the Platinum Award, schools must make Adequate Yearly Progress  
7 (AYP) for three consecutive years, demonstrate that at least 35 percent of students exceed  
8 standards in all test areas as measured by state assessments, and place in the 98th percentile  
9 or higher state-wide in greatest student achievement gains; and

10 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that Varnell Elementary School be recognized  
11 appropriately upon the illustrious occasion of this impressive achievement.

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
13 the members of this body heartily congratulate the teachers of Varnell Elementary School  
14 and its principal, Dr. Ellen Thompson, for earning the Platinum Award from the Governor's  
15 Office of Student Achievement and commend them for their efforts to improve education  
16 in their community and this state.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
18 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Dr. Ellen Thompson and  
19 Varnell Elementary School.