

House Resolution 1499

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

### A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Jill Ryerson; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Jill Ryerson is widely recognized throughout this state as the personification  
3 of excellence in education; and

4 WHEREAS, this highly respected professional educator has served with honor and  
5 distinction as a seventh grade arts teacher at North Whitfield Middle School; and

6 WHEREAS, she believes that her continuing role as a teacher is to act as an instrument of  
7 inspiration and enthusiasm to her pupils and to help them learn academically and socially so  
8 they will become lifelong learners; and

9 WHEREAS, in recognition of her outstanding achievements, she has been selected from an  
10 elite group of teachers as the recipient of the Milken Family Foundation National Educator  
11 Award, an honor which is sometimes referred to as the "Oscar" of education, and carries with  
12 it a \$25 thousand award; and

13 WHEREAS, Ms. Ryerson has taught for 14 years, and this is her eighth year of teaching at  
14 North Whitfield Middle School; and

15 WHEREAS, through dedication and professionalism, she has brought honor to herself, her  
16 family, her colleagues, and the Whitfield County School System, which she represents as  
17 Georgia's Milken Family Foundation National Educator for 2007; and

18 WHEREAS, she is a shining example of the important impact that the efforts of individual  
19 education professionals are making on the quality of education received by students of this  
20 state, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that her superlative accomplishments be  
21 recognized appropriately.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
2 the members of this body heartily and gratefully commend Jill Ryerson for her many years  
3 of sacrifice, foresight, accomplishment, and contributions on behalf of education in Georgia  
4 and for the positive influence she has had upon the lives and futures of countless people in  
5 this state and extend to her their most sincere best wishes for health and happiness in the  
6 future.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
8 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Jill Ryerson.