

## House Resolution 1749

By: Representatives Lindsey of the 54<sup>th</sup>, Jones of the 46<sup>th</sup>, Coleman of the 97<sup>th</sup>, and Casas of the 103<sup>rd</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating Mrs. Marie Corrigan on being named Georgia Mother of the Year; and for  
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mrs. Marie Corrigan was recently chosen as Georgia's Mother of the Year by  
4 American Mothers, Inc., for strengthening her home, family, and community; and

5 WHEREAS, years ago, Mrs. Corrigan gave birth to a premature, one-pound baby girl, who  
6 most doctors speculated would have little chance of recovery and would not learn to walk,  
7 talk, or gain normal cognitive skills; and

8 WHEREAS, with an unyielding love and hope, Mrs. Corrigan spent the first six and half  
9 years caring for her child as she was on oxygen and attempted to find a school for her  
10 daughter which would address her specific learning needs; and

11 WHEREAS, finding no educational institution to address her daughter's needs, Mrs. Corrigan  
12 founded Sophia Academy in 1999, which provides children with learning differences a  
13 rigorous curriculum, athletic programs, and fine arts opportunities; and

14 WHEREAS, Sophia Academy is a nondenominational Christian education school for grades  
15 kindergarten through eighth and has had a positive impact on over 200 families due to its  
16 multisensory approach to serving students with dyslexia, auditory and visual processing  
17 deficits, and attention deficits; and

18 WHEREAS, Mrs. Corrigan has diligently and conscientiously devoted her time, talents, and  
19 energy to the academy over the past decade, serving as the school's principal, director, and  
20 teacher, and spearheading major fundraising drives on behalf of the school; and

21 WHEREAS, Mrs. Corrigan's own daughter has also thrived due to her time at Sophia  
22 Academy and her mother's loving support, graduating from high school, earning several  
23 college scholarships, and becoming an active member of a college sorority; and

24 WHEREAS, this wife of Dr. Victor Corrigan and mother of four's concern for children with  
25 learning differences does not stop with Sophia Academy, as she serves on the Recording for  
26 the Blind and Dyslexic, Georgia Department of Education State Advisory Panel, and  
27 Buckhead Business Education Panel; and

28 WHEREAS, she was instrumental in the passage of the Georgia Special Needs Scholarship  
29 Act, which enables public school children with learning disabilities to be eligible for  
30 vouchers so that they may attend another public or private school that better addresses their  
31 learning needs; and

32 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the extraordinary accomplishments of  
33 this distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
35 the members of this body recognize Mrs. Marie Corrigan for her years of selfless service to  
36 her family, this state, and children with learning differences and congratulate her upon the  
37 prestigious honor of being named Georgia's Mother of the Year.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
39 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mrs. Marie Corrigan.