

Senate Resolution 430

By: Senators Jackson of the 2nd and Carter of the 1st

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Ms. Bettina Polite-Tate, Savannah-Chatham County School
2 System's Teacher of the Year for 2010-2011; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Ms. Bettina Polite-Tate, marketing and IB business management teacher at Sol
4 C. Johnson High School, is widely recognized throughout her community and this state as
5 the personification of excellence in education; and

6 WHEREAS, in recognition of her outstanding dedication to academic achievement, Ms.
7 Polite-Tate has been named Savannah-Chatham County School System's Teacher of the Year
8 for 2010-2011; and

9 WHEREAS, a graduate of Sol C. Johnson High School, Ms. Polite-Tate earned a bachelor's
10 degree in business administration and a master's degree in public administration from
11 Savannah State University; and

12 WHEREAS, she also earned a specialist's degree in educational leadership from Mercer
13 University, where she is currently pursuing a doctoral degree in educational leadership; and

14 WHEREAS, Ms. Polite-Tate serves on the Governor's Education Advisory Board, is
15 co-chairperson of the Career Tech Department, and serves as site coordinator for High
16 Schools That Work; and

17 WHEREAS, she inspires and encourages her students as primary DECA advisor and the
18 Student Leadership Program's teacher advisor; and

19 WHEREAS, Ms. Polite-Tate has been recognized with numerous honors and accolades
20 during her teaching career, including the Savannah-Chatham County Public School System's
21 District Teacher of the Year in 2011, Georgia Marketing Teacher of the Year in 2011, and
22 one of the Georgia Top Ten Teachers of the Year in 2011; and

23 WHEREAS, nothing is more vital to the future of our state than the education of our young
24 people, and during her teaching career, Ms. Polite-Tate has exemplified the selfless
25 dedication and professionalism which are characteristic of our finest educators; and

26 WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this body join in expressing appreciation to Ms. Polite-Tate
27 for her outstanding efforts and accomplishments in education.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
29 congratulate Ms. Bettina Polite-Tate upon her selection as Teacher of the Year and express
30 gratitude for the great credit this fine educator reflects upon the Savannah-Chatham County
31 School System and the State of Georgia.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
33 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Ms. Bettina Polite-Tate.