

House Resolution 623

By: Representatives Jordan of the 77th, Beasley-Teague of the 65th, Fludd of the 66th, Randall of the 138th, Hugley of the 133rd, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Mrs. Kathy Chester-Burton on the occasion of her retirement;
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mrs. Kathy Chester-Burton has long been recognized by the citizens of this
4 state for the vital role that she has played in leadership and her deep personal commitment
5 to the education of the students of Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, a graduate of Stewart County High School, Mrs. Chester-Burton earned a
7 bachelor's degree from the University of Georgia and a master's degree from the University
8 of Tennessee; and

9 WHEREAS, she has had a distinguished 30 year career in the field of education and
10 challenged countless students at M.D. Collins and Banneker High Schools to achieve their
11 utmost potential; and

12 WHEREAS, Mrs. Chester-Burton served as the first black state president of the Georgia
13 Association of Future Homemakers of America and is a member of the Alpha Kappa Alpha
14 Sorority, the American Association of FCS Teachers, and the American Association of
15 Career and Technical Education; and

16 WHEREAS, she has served as an advisor for FCCLA for 28 years, a junior class sponsor for
17 18 years, and a S.I.S.T.E.R.S. sponsor for seven years; and

18 WHEREAS, Mrs. Chester-Burton has been recognized with numerous honors and accolades
19 throughout her teaching career, including the Coke Outstanding Teacher of the Year in 1995
20 and 1997 Teacher of the Year for Banneker High School; and

21 WHEREAS, she is united in love and marriage to her husband, Lee Otis Burton, been blessed
22 with a remarkable daughter, Leigh Andrea, and plans to spend her retirement enjoying the
23 company of her family, gardening, taking classes, and volunteering; and

24 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
25 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
27 the members of this body commend Mrs. Kathy Chester-Burton for her sacrifice, foresight,
28 accomplishment, and contributions on behalf of education in Georgia; recognize the positive
29 influence she has had upon the lives and futures of countless young people in this state;
30 congratulate her upon the grand occasion of her retirement; and extend to her their most
31 sincere best wishes for continued health and happiness.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
33 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mrs. Kathy Chester-Burton.