

## House Resolution 1085

By: Representatives Carter of the 175<sup>th</sup>, Shaw of the 176<sup>th</sup>, Black of the 174<sup>th</sup>, Huckaby of the 113<sup>th</sup>, and Roberts of the 154<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Professor Jacqueline S. Wheeler; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Professor Jacqueline S. Wheeler has long been recognized by the citizens of this  
3 state for the vital role that she has played in higher education and her deep personal  
4 commitment to the students of Georgia; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Professor Wheeler is a teacher, actor, director, choreographer, and veteran of  
6 theatre who began her teaching career in Georgia at Piedmont College in 1969; and
- 7 WHEREAS, she has inspired young leaders as an instructor at Valdosta State University  
8 since 1980, where she serves as chair of the Theatre and Dance Area, teaching, assisting in  
9 the administration of two degree programs, and coordinating fundraising activities and the  
10 school's annual Theatre for Young Audiences Tour that presents plays and musicals  
11 throughout South Georgia; and
- 12 WHEREAS, Professor Wheeler has served on local arts councils in Douglas and Valdosta  
13 and as artistic director of the Jekyll Island Musical Theatre Festival and the Peach State  
14 Summer Theatre, chair of the Lowndes-Valdosta Arts Commission, a theatre panelist for the  
15 Georgia Council for the Arts, and president of Georgia Theatre Conference; and
- 16 WHEREAS, she has been recognized with numerous honors and accolades, including the  
17 Leighton Ballew Award for Outstanding Service in Theatre to Georgia, the Georgia Theatre  
18 Conference's highest honor; induction into the Georgia Theatre Conference's Georgia Theatre  
19 Hall of Fame; election to the Georgia Theatre Conference's Georgia Repertory Ensemble of  
20 Artists and Theatre Fellows; and the Kennedy Center/Stephen Sondheim Inspirational  
21 Teacher Award; and
- 22 WHEREAS, Professor Wheeler is an active member of the National Association of Schools  
23 of Theatre and Southeastern Theatre Conference, serving on its auditions committee; and

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

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
27 the members of this body commend Professor Jacqueline S. Wheeler for her sacrifice,  
28 foresight, accomplishments, and contributions on behalf of education and for the positive  
29 influence she has had upon the lives and futures of countless young people.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
31 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Professor Jacqueline S.  
32 Wheeler.