

Senate Resolution 717

By: Senator Rogers of the 21st

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Nicole Pflieger of Nickajack Elementary School for being  
2 named the 2012 National School Counselor of the Year; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the American School Counselor Association (ASCA) has named Nicole Pflieger  
4 the top counselor in the United States; and

5 WHEREAS, Nicole was one of more than 400 applicants nation wide that competed for the  
6 award, which honors school counselors who work tirelessly to make a difference in the lives  
7 of their students, parents, and communities; and

8 WHEREAS, candidates for this award are judged on a set of criteria that includes creative  
9 school counseling innovations, effective programs, leadership skills, and contribution to  
10 student advancement; and

11 WHEREAS, Nicole earned her undergraduate degree in Early Childhood Education from the  
12 University of Georgia, completed her master's degree in School Counseling at the University  
13 of North Carolina, earned an educational specialist degree in Educational Leadership from  
14 Lincoln Memorial University, and has been a counselor at Nickajack Elementary School  
15 since 2006; and

16 WHEREAS, Nicole is a highly respected counselor in the Cobb County School System,  
17 dedicating her time, talents, and energy to challenging and inspiring the future leaders of this  
18 state; and

19 WHEREAS, Nicole has earned distinction for counseling excellence as a result of her  
20 dedication to the students of Nickajack Elementary School, where she has been honored as  
21 the 2012 National School Counselor of the Year; and

22 WHEREAS, the devotion Nicole Pflieger has demonstrated to providing the students of  
23 Georgia with compassionate and dedicated counseling is worthy of recognition.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
25 commend Nicole Pflieger on her outstanding commitment to the students of Nickajack  
26 Elementary School and recognize her for being named the 2012 National School Counselor  
27 of the Year.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
29 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Nicole Pflieger.