

## House Resolution 1285

By: Representatives Howard of the 121<sup>st</sup>, Murphy of the 120<sup>th</sup>, Frazier of the 123<sup>rd</sup>, Sims of the 119<sup>th</sup>, and Smith of the 122<sup>nd</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Lieutenant Colonel Janet A. Zimmerman; and for other  
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Colonel Janet A. Zimmerman retired from the United States Army  
4 to become the founding director of the Fort Gordon Youth ChalleNGe Academy and has  
5 devoted the last 11 years to reclaiming Georgia's at-risk youths; and

6 WHEREAS, she was united in love and marriage to a retired Army officer and was blessed  
7 with two remarkable daughters and three adored grandchildren; and

8 WHEREAS, since the opening of the program, it has doubled in size to graduate 400 cadets  
9 each year and graduated its 10,000th successful young adult in 2011; and

10 WHEREAS, she has instrumentally piloted a high school diploma program with the  
11 Richmond and Columbia County school systems for the Fort Gordon Youth ChalleNGe  
12 Academy which provides at-risk students with the opportunity to pursue an alternative route  
13 to high school completion and earn a regular diploma; and

14 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Colonel Zimmerman has a Bachelor of Science degree in sociology  
15 from Campbell University and a Master of Education degree from Boston University; and

16 WHEREAS, in 2008, she received two Governors' recognition awards, an Accommodation  
17 for Excellence in Customer Service and the Governor's Award for Individual Excellence in  
18 Community Service; and

19 WHEREAS, her significant organizational talents, her remarkable patience and diplomacy,  
20 her keen sense of vision, and her sensitivity to the needs of the citizens of this state have  
21 earned her the respect and admiration of her colleagues and associates; and

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

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
25 the members of this body commend the devotion and dedication of Lieutenant Colonel Janet  
26 A. Zimmerman to the Fort Gordon Youth Challenge Academy.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
28 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Lieutenant Colonel Janet  
29 A. Zimmerman.