

Senate Resolution 829

By: Senator Unterman of the 45th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing Principal John Campbell and commending Frank N. Osborne Middle School;
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Frank N. Osborne Middle School has been recognized for its students' writing
4 excellence; and

5 WHEREAS, the Georgia Department of Education requires all students in eighth grade to
6 take a writing assessment in which they are given 100 minutes to write either an expository
7 or a persuasive essay responding to an assigned prompt; and

8 WHEREAS, each student's paper is scored independently by two raters in the four domains
9 of ideas, organization, style, and conventions; and

10 WHEREAS, at Frank N. Osborne Middle School the belief is that teaching students to
11 become proficient writers helps them to organize, extend, and deepen their knowledge as
12 well as facilitate reading comprehension; and

13 WHEREAS, the teachers and staff have made a multi-year commitment to teach writing in
14 all four core subject areas, language arts, math, science, and social studies; and

15 WHEREAS, this ongoing focus and commitment to writing at this outstanding school has
16 resulted in numerous awards from the Governor's Office of Student Achievement including
17 being named a 2009 Georgia School of Excellence, receiving the 2011 Platinum Award, and
18 earning the highest eighth grade writing scores in the state for 2010 and 2011; and

19 WHEREAS, Principal John Campbell has long been recognized by the citizens of this state
20 for the vital role that he has played in the teaching profession and his deep personal
21 commitment to the education of the students of Georgia; and

22 WHEREAS, three different schools have been recognized as State Schools of Excellence
23 during John Campbell's tenure as principal, including Trickum Middle School in 1991,
24 McConnell Middle School in 2002, and Osborne Middle School in 2009; and

25 WHEREAS, nothing is more vital to the future of our state than the education of our young
26 people, and Principal John Campbell exemplifies the selfless dedication which is
27 characteristic of our finest educators; and

28 WHEREAS, the devotion to providing the students of Georgia with a quality education
29 demonstrated by Principal John Campbell, teachers, and staff is worthy of recognition.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
31 congratulate the teachers, staff, and students at Frank N. Osborne Middle School for their
32 dedication, academic achievements, and the numerous awards they have received and
33 commend the numerous contributions of Principal John Campbell.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
35 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Principal John Campbell.