

House Resolution 1359

By: Representatives Benton of the 31st and McCall of the 30th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending Denise Backus, East Jackson Comprehensive High School's 2012 STAR Teacher; and for other purposes.
- 3 WHEREAS, a proper quality education for the young people of this state is the single most important objective of the General Assembly; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Denise Backus has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the vital role that she has played in the teaching profession and her deep personal commitment to the education of the students of Georgia; and
- 8 WHEREAS, she has been with the Jackson County School System since 1996, first at East Jackson Middle School and then at Jackson County Comprehensive High School before finding a home at East Jackson High; and
- 11 WHEREAS, Denise Backus has earned distinction for teaching excellence as a result of her dedication to her students and her profession and has been honored as East Jackson Comprehensive High School's 2012 STAR Teacher; and
- 14 WHEREAS, prior to her work in Jackson County, she worked for the Department of Defense Dependent Schools in special education at Kadena High School in Okinawa, Japan; and
- 16 WHEREAS, she is united in love and marriage and shares a home with her husband, stepson Devin, and her five pound Chihuahua, Happy Jack; and
- 18 WHEREAS, in recognition of her contributions to the education and welfare of young people in this state, it is abundantly fitting and proper for this body to honor the extraordinary accomplishments and academic achievements of this outstanding individual.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
22 the members of this body commend heartily Denise Backus, East Jackson Comprehensive
23 High School's 2012 STAR Teacher, and express to her their most sincere best wishes for
24 continued success in the future.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
26 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Denise Backus.