

House Resolution 88EX

By: Representatives Beverly of the 139th, Randall of the 138th, Peake of the 137th, Dickey of the 136th, Epps of the 140th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Mr. Jadun McCarthy, the 2012 Georgia Teacher of the Year; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, a proper quality education for the young people of this state is the single most
4 important objective of the General Assembly; and

5 WHEREAS, in recognition of his dedication to challenging the future leaders of this state,
6 on May 6, 2011, the Georgia Department of Education named Mr. Jadun McCarthy the 2012
7 Georgia Teacher of the Year; and

8 WHEREAS, as Georgia's Teacher of the Year, Mr. McCarthy will represent Georgia teachers
9 by speaking to the public about the teaching profession and conducting workshops and
10 programs for educators and will compete for the 2012 National Teacher of the Year; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. McCarthy is a product of the Bibb County School System, later earning a
12 law degree from the University of Georgia, but realized on the night of his law school
13 graduation that, instead of working in a system that locks up people, he would rather follow
14 in the footsteps of the people that provided him the tools to be successful: his teachers; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. McCarthy serves as the Academic Bowl Team Head Coach, chairs the
16 school's "Bridging the Gap" Eight-Step Process Achievement Initiative team, and is a
17 member of the Georgia Association of Educators; and

18 WHEREAS, since 2007, he has been recognized each year as one of Northeast High School's
19 End of Course Test Start Teachers; and

20 WHEREAS, he also serves as the Junior and Senior Class Advisor and coordinates the
21 Junior/Senior Prom and all Senior Activities, including the annual Senior Class Trip to
22 Orlando; and

23 WHEREAS, students have recognized him as the 2008, 2009, and 2010 Advisor of the Year;
24 and

25 WHEREAS, State Superintendent of Schools John Barge stated that "Jadun McCarthy is
26 going to be a great representative of the teaching profession in Georgia,...[h]e has such a
27 compelling story about how education has impacted his life"; and

28 WHEREAS, there were 154 district teachers of the year who submitted applications to
29 become the 2012 Georgia Teacher of the Year which were read by a panel of judges that
30 included teachers, past Georgia Teacher of the Year winners and finalists, administrators,
31 community leaders, and others; and

32 WHEREAS, in recognition of his contributions to the education and welfare of young people
33 in this state, it is abundantly fitting and proper for this body to honor the extraordinary
34 accomplishments and academic achievements of this outstanding individual.

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
36 the members of this body commend heartily Mr. Jadun McCarthy, the 2012 Georgia Teacher
37 of the Year, and express to him their sincerest best wishes for continued success in the future.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
39 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Jadun McCarthy.