

House Resolution 414

By: Representatives Chandler of the 105th, Hugley of the 136th, Abrams of the 89th, Rutledge of the 109th, Caldwell of the 131st, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the unique contribution of professional school counselors
2 within our school systems and inviting Barbara Strickland, President of the Georgia School
3 Counselors Association; Gail Smith; Julie Hartline; Robin Zorn; and Shellie Caplinger to be
4 recognized by the House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

5 WHEREAS, school counselors have a tremendous impact on students by helping them to
6 achieve school success and plan for a career; and

7 WHEREAS, school counselors devote innumerable hours of their time, talents, and energy
8 toward reducing and removing barriers to learning as well as providing the support necessary
9 for all students to achieve at the highest level possible; and

10 WHEREAS, every day, Georgia's school counselors go above and beyond to make a
11 difference in the lives of students, staff, parents, and their communities; and

12 WHEREAS, these individuals are the unsung heroes in Georgia education; they help students
13 succeed, achieve their dreams, reach their potential, overcome their challenges, and explore
14 their curiosity; and

15 WHEREAS, there is no question that Georgia's school counselors have the unique ability and
16 mission to positively impact the lives of all students, from the most vulnerable to the most
17 fortunate, in becoming college, career, and life-ready; and

18 WHEREAS, school counseling programs are proactive, prevention based, and serve all
19 students; and

20 WHEREAS, these programs are an integral part of the total education programs for student
21 success and are based on academic, career, and personal/social standards; and

22 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper to recognizing the outstanding dedication of
23 these remarkable Georgians.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
25 the members of this body recognize and commend the unique contribution of professional
26 school counselors within our school systems and invite Barbara Strickland, President of the
27 Georgia School Counselors Association; Gail Smith; Julie Hartline; Robin Zorn; and Shellie
28 Caplinger to be recognized by the House of Representatives at a date and time designated by
29 the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
31 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Barbara Strickland,
32 President of the Georgia School Counselors Association.