

Senate Resolution 485

By: Senators Harbison of the 15th and McKoon of the 29th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Maris Walls, nominee for 2013 Muscogee County School
2 District Teacher of the Year; and for other 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, the Muscogee Education Excellence Foundation (MEEF) is a nonprofit
6 organization dedicated to fostering educational excellence by focusing on individual teachers
7 who are innovative and exceptionally effective in their profession; and

8 WHEREAS, the foundation has awarded more than \$1.5 million to teachers through financial
9 incentives in the Teacher of the Year program, the MEEF Grant program, and the MEEF
10 Endowment Fund; and

11 WHEREAS, Janet Davis is chairwoman of the selection committee, which also includes
12 Debbie Caballero, Colby Cardin, Travis Chambers, Debra Everett, Tom Hackett, Paul
13 Hampton, Christine Powell, and Tom Titus; and

14 WHEREAS, nominees are determined by each of the district's schools and will be honored
15 throughout the year, including breakfast with the National Teacher of the Year in March and
16 culminating with the MCSD Teacher of the Year gala on May 2, 2013; and

17 WHEREAS, Maris Walls is a teacher at St. Marys Elementary Magnet Academy and a
18 nominee for 2013 Muscogee County School District Teacher of the Year; and

19 WHEREAS, the devotion to providing the students of Georgia with a quality education
20 demonstrated by Maris Walls is worthy of recognition.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
22 commend heartily Maris Walls as a nominee for 2013 Muscogee County School District
23 Teacher of the Year and express to her their most sincere best wishes for continued success
24 in the future.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
26 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Maris Walls.