

## House Resolution 730

By: Representatives Kelley of the 16<sup>th</sup> and Cooke of the 18<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating Dr. Brian Ridley on being named the 2013 Georgia Middle School Principal  
2 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, Dr. Brian Ridley has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the  
6 vital role that he has played in the teaching profession and his deep personal commitment to  
7 the education of the students of Georgia; and

8 WHEREAS, Dr. Ridley has earned distinction for his exemplary leadership as principal of  
9 Haralson County Middle School, where he was assigned in 2009 and proceeded to oversee  
10 the restructuring of the school, leading to dramatic improvements in student achievement,  
11 particularly among students with disabilities; and

12 WHEREAS, under Dr. Ridley's direction, at the end of the 2010 - 2011 school year, HCMS  
13 made Adequate Yearly Progress for the first time since 2005; and

14 WHEREAS, Dr. Ridley has produced an organizational structure that ensures equal access  
15 to the curriculum for all students regardless of race, socioeconomic status, or disability; and

16 WHEREAS, he has worked diligently to create a school culture that is student-centered and  
17 parent-friendly, and as a result of his efforts, HCMS has continued to produce academic  
18 gains and was recently designated as a 2012 Breakout School by the Georgia Association of  
19 Educational Leaders (GAEL); and

20 WHEREAS, Dr. Ridley was a state finalist for Parent To Parent of Georgia's Education  
21 Impact Award and was recognized and trained as an administrative mentor for new  
22 administrators in the West Georgia Area by the GAEL; and

23 WHEREAS, HCMS continues to thrive as the pioneer school for the Caring Adults Focusing  
24 on Education program in partnership with the Georgia Department of Education and the State  
25 Personnel Development Grant in an effort to bring multiple community stakeholders together  
26 in support of at-risk students and their families; and

27 WHEREAS, Dr. Brian Ridley has overseen monumental improvements at Haralson County  
28 Middle School, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that this dedicated and accomplished  
29 leader in education be recognized.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
31 the members of this body congratulate Dr. Brian Ridley on being named the 2013 Georgia  
32 Middle School Teacher of the Year and extend their sincere best wishes for his continued  
33 success.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
35 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Dr. Brian Ridley.