

Senate Resolution 1052

By: Senator Unterman of the 45th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending and recognizing First Lady Sandra Deal; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, First Lady Sandra Deal, the daughter of educators, has dedicated her life to
3 encouraging childhood education; as a Georgia public school teacher, she taught for more
4 than 15 years, and retired as a sixth grade middle school teacher in Hall County; and
- 5 WHEREAS, she has furthered those efforts in her role as Georgia's First Lady, promoting
6 literacy as one of her top priorities; and
- 7 WHEREAS, as part of her "Read Across Georgia" tour, the First Lady has visited and read
8 to students in all 159 counties and 181 school districts in the State of Georgia to encourage
9 student reading; and
- 10 WHEREAS, community service and volunteering are additional top focuses of the First
11 Lady's; she launched "With a Servant's Heart" in 2011, which began as a state-wide day of
12 service and grew quickly into regular participation in community service programs and
13 volunteer events across Georgia; and
- 14 WHEREAS, she serves as chair of the Governor's Office for Children and Family, to
15 promote a state-wide effort to strengthen and support families and communities, and as
16 co-chair of the Georgia Children's Cabinet, which coordinates policies and resources to
17 improve outcomes for children and families, and provides leadership on child welfare and
18 juvenile justice issues in Georgia; and
- 19 WHEREAS, First Lady Deal grew up in Gainesville and graduated from Georgia College &
20 State University; and

21 WHEREAS, she has been united in love and marriage to Governor Nathan Deal for 47 years
22 and has four children and six grandchildren; they attend First Baptist Church in Gainesville.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
24 commend and recognize First Lady Sandra Deal for her passionate dedication to childhood
25 education in the State of Georgia.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
27 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to First Lady Sandra Deal.