

House Resolution 1631

By: Representative Jones of the 53rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Ms. Alana Allen, Harper-Archer Middle School's Teacher of
2 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, nothing is more vital to the future of our state than the education of our young
6 people, and Ms. Alana Allen exemplifies the selfless dedication which is characteristic of our
7 finest educators; and

8 WHEREAS, Ms. Allen is a highly respected educator in the Atlanta Public School System,
9 dedicating her time, talents, and energy to challenging and inspiring the future leaders of this
10 state; and

11 WHEREAS, an Atlanta native and graduate of Stone Mountain High School, Ms. Allen
12 earned a degree from Georgia State University, where she received several honors for her
13 leadership in creating "Girls to Women," a program that focused on positively changing the
14 lives of girls at Turner Middle School; and

15 WHEREAS, she began her career in education as a substitute teacher in the DeKalb County
16 School System, later became a full-time teacher at her alma mater, Stone Mountain High
17 School, and was voted *Who's Who Among American High School Teachers* from 2002-2004;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, her beliefs and philosophy of education are summed up in her formula of
20 (Sweat + Sacrifice) x Faith = Success; and

21 WHEREAS, she is also an active member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated,
22 where she has committed her life to service and community involvement; and

23 WHEREAS, Ms. Allen has earned distinction for teaching excellence as a result of her
24 dedication to the students of Harper-Archer Middle School, where she has been honored as
25 the Teacher of the Year; and

26 WHEREAS, the devotion to providing the students of Georgia with a quality education
27 demonstrated by Ms. Allen is worthy of recognition.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
29 the members of this body commend Ms. Alana Allen on her outstanding commitment to
30 education and congratulate her upon her selection as the Teacher of the Year for
31 Harper-Archer Middle School.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
33 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Ms. Alana Allen.