

House Resolution 1725

By: Representatives Ballinger of the 23rd, Turner of the 21st, and Caldwell of the 20th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Debra Murdock on being named the 2014 Georgia High School Principal of
2 the Year and inviting her to be recognized by the House of Representatives; and for other
3 purposes.

4 WHEREAS, Debra Murdock serves with distinction as principal of Cherokee High School
5 in Cherokee County, Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, before being named the 2014 Georgia High School Principal of the Year, this
7 stellar educator was also named the 2010 Teasley Middle School Principal of the Year and
8 the 2011 Cherokee High School Principal of the Year; and

9 WHEREAS, the award is given to one principal in each state who provides high quality
10 learning opportunities to students and makes significant contributions to the profession; and

11 WHEREAS, Ms. Murdock is a product of the Cherokee County School System; she
12 graduated from Cherokee High School in 1988; and

13 WHEREAS, she became principal of Cherokee High School in 2010 and was previously
14 principal at Teasley Middle School and an assistant principal at both Cherokee High School
15 and Chapman Intermediate School; and

16 WHEREAS, Ms. Murdock earned her bachelor's and master's degrees, both in middle grades
17 education, from Kennesaw State University and her Education Specialist degree in
18 administration and supervision from Lincoln Memorial University; and

19 WHEREAS, she and her husband, Lance, reside in Canton, Georgia, and have two sons,
20 Jesey and Jarrett; and

21 WHEREAS, Ms. Murdock is praised for her innovative and creative strategies employed to
22 facilitate teacher planning and collaboration, enhance communication between students and
23 teachers, and motivate students to reach their highest level of achievement; and

24 WHEREAS, Cherokee County and the State of Georgia are privileged to have such a
25 hard-working and dedicated educator.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
27 the members of this body commend Debra Murdock for her dedication to the education of
28 Georgia's youth, congratulate her upon her well-deserved recognition as the 2014 Georgia
29 High School Principal of the Year, and invite her to be recognized by the House of
30 Representatives at a date and time to be determined by the Speaker of the House of
31 Representatives.

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 Debra Murdock.