

House Resolution 1952

By: Representatives Waites of the 60th and Scott of the 76th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Cynthia Strickland Jewell; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Cynthia Strickland Jewell is a native of Decatur, Georgia, and is a proud
3 product of the DeKalb County School District, where she attended Kelley Lake Elementary
4 and Henderson High School; and
- 5 WHEREAS, after high school, Mrs. Jewell attended Mercer University where she received
6 a Bachelor of Science degree in early childhood education; she also earned degrees from
7 Central Michigan University and Lincoln Memorial University; and
- 8 WHEREAS, she began her career as an educator as a fourth grade teacher at her alma mater,
9 Kelley Lake Elementary; she considered being able to give back to the community that
10 helped raise her to be one of her most rewarding experiences; and
- 11 WHEREAS, after teaching for six years, Mrs. Jewell was promoted to assistant principal at
12 Chapel Hill Elementary; the experiences she gained during her tenure in DeKalb County
13 Schools helped prepare her for her current position as principal at Thomasville Heights
14 Elementary; and
- 15 WHEREAS, since becoming a principal at Thomasville Heights Elementary, the school has
16 seen a miraculous change; during her first year, she focused on building relationships with
17 the parents, school, and community; and
- 18 WHEREAS, Mrs. Jewell created the relationship by visiting Forest Cove Apartments, which
19 houses about 90 percent of the student population, and going door to door to introduce
20 herself and extend a personal invitation to the annual Meet and Greet picnic; and

21 WHEREAS, this free event included health screenings, food, voter registration, music, and
22 giveaways and set the tone for the entire school year; and

23 WHEREAS, her school was also the recipient of the National Education Association School
24 Makeover for 2013, and the teachers, students, parents, and staff have all commented on the
25 transformation that has taken place; and

26 WHEREAS, Mrs. Jewell has high expectations for all students and staff, and she constantly
27 reminds the staff that free and reduced is how the students eat, not how they learn; and

28 WHEREAS, she is married to Jasper E. Jewell, is a mother to two children, Christopher and
29 Sydney, and is an active member of Beulah Baptist Church in Atlanta, Georgia.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
31 the members of this body recognize and commend Cynthia Strickland Jewell for her
32 dedication and commitment to Georgia students and express to her their most sincere best
33 wishes for continued 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 Cynthia Strickland Jewell.