

House Resolution 534

By: Representatives Broadrick of the 4th, Dickson of the 6th, and Tarvin of the 2nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating Brian Suits upon being named Georgia's Middle School Principal of the Year;
2 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, Brian Suits is an exemplary principal, leading Dalton Middle School, the eighth
6 largest middle school in Georgia with 1,727 students, since 2001; and

7 WHEREAS, Brian Suits was instrumental in hosting a Great Conversation to clarify Dalton
8 Middle School's faculty and staff's beliefs about how students learn, to identify the culture
9 they wanted to build so students could learn more effectively, and to become intentional
10 about developing relationships and designing work based on what their particular students
11 needed; and

12 WHEREAS, under Brian Suits' leadership, Dalton Middle School was the first middle school
13 in the United States to successfully implement the Literacy Collaborative framework for
14 teaching language arts and reading, and as a result, students have improved critical thinking
15 skills, broader vocabularies, and better reading and writing comprehension, which in turn has
16 improved standardized test scores in English/language arts and reading; and

17 WHEREAS, Brian Suits has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the vital
18 role that he has played in the teaching profession and his deep personal commitment to the
19 education of the students of Georgia; and

20 WHEREAS, in recognition of Brian Suits' contributions to the education and welfare of
21 young people in this state, it is abundantly fitting and proper for this body to honor the
22 extraordinary accomplishments and academic achievements of this outstanding individual.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
24 the members of this body commend Brian Suits for his exemplary leadership of Dalton
25 Middle School and congratulate him upon being named Georgia's Middle School Principal
26 of the Year.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
28 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Brian
29 Suits.