

Senate Resolution 500

By: Senators Cowsert of the 46th, Tippins of the 37th, Ginn of the 47th, Millar of the 40th, Wilkinson of the 50th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Philip D. Lanoue, Ph.D., National Superintendent of the Year; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Clarke County School District Superintendent Dr. Philip D. Lanoue has long
4 been recognized by the citizens of this state for the vital role that he has played in the
5 teaching profession and his deep personal commitment to the education of the students of
6 Georgia; and

7 WHEREAS, Dr. Lanoue has been named the 2015 National Superintendent of the Year by
8 the American Association of School Administrators; and

9 WHEREAS, he was selected for high achievement in leadership for learning,
10 communication, professionalism, and community involvement; and

11 WHEREAS, under Dr. Lanoue's leadership, the Clarke County School District has been
12 recognized as a Title I Distinguished District for being Georgia's number one large district
13 for closing the achievement gap between economically disadvantaged and nondisadvantaged
14 students; and

15 WHEREAS, he has contributed to innovative partnerships, including the revitalization of the
16 Athens Community Career Academy, a partnership with Athens Technical College; and

17 WHEREAS, he also worked closely with the University of Georgia College of Education to
18 form one of the nation's only Professional Development School Districts; and

19 WHEREAS, Dr. Lanoue received his Doctor of Philosophy in Educational Leadership from
20 Mercer University and his Master of Education in Administration and Planning from the
21 University of Vermont; and

22 WHEREAS, he is an adjunct professor at the University of Georgia in the Educational
23 Administration and Policy program in the Department of Lifelong Education,
24 Administration, and Policy; and

25 WHEREAS, Dr. Lanoue has received a variety of accolades during his distinguished career,
26 including being named as one of the Top 50 Technological Innovators in Education by the
27 Center for Digital Education and *Converge*; and

28 WHEREAS, he also served on the advisory board for the Principal's Center at the Harvard
29 Graduate School of Education; and

30 WHEREAS, he currently resides in Athens, Georgia, with his wife, Vickie, and he is the
31 proud father of two daughters, Jaime and Josyln, who live in the New England area; and

32 WHEREAS, in recognition of his contributions to the students in this state, it is abundantly
33 fitting and proper for this body to honor the extraordinary commitment and accomplishments
34 of this outstanding individual.

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
36 heartily and gratefully commend Dr. Philip D. Lanoue for his sacrifice, foresight,
37 accomplishment, and contributions on behalf of education in Georgia and for the positive
38 influence he has had upon the lives and futures of countless young people in this state.

39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
40 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Dr. Philip D.
41 Lanoue.