

Senate Resolution 582

By: Senators Wilkinson of the 50th, Ginn of the 47th, Miller of the 49th, Mullis of the 53rd and Gooch of the 51st

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Big A Elementary School; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Big A Elementary School, located in Stephens County, has a long history of
3 excellence in Northeast Georgia; and
- 4 WHEREAS, the mission of Big A Elementary School, in cooperation with parents and
5 community, is to nurture successful individuals by providing challenging experiences in a
6 positive learning environment; and
- 7 WHEREAS, under the astute leadership of Principal Sherrie McAllister and Assistant
8 Principal Chris Colwell, the school recently achieved national recognition; and
- 9 WHEREAS, the school is one of just eight public schools in all of Georgia to receive the
10 National Blue Ribbon designation from the U.S. Department of Education, and this distinct
11 honor is only awarded to schools who have shown superior academic achievement; and
- 12 WHEREAS, it was honored at an annual awards ceremony in Washington, D.C., where the
13 school received a plaque and a flag in honor of the community's accomplishment; and
- 14 WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Education calls on the administrators and teachers of
15 this exemplary school to give presentations at state, regional, and national levels about the
16 practices that has led them to success; and
- 17 WHEREAS, the school attempts to uplift each family through family nights, festivals, parent
18 conferences, and many other opportunities to actively participate as an integral part of the
19 school; and

20 WHEREAS, Big A Elementary, home of the Eagles, believes every student can succeed, and
21 the school's strength lies in its efforts to establish teamwork between faculty, students, and
22 parents.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
24 recognize Big A Elementary School as a National Blue Ribbon School and commend their
25 dedication and commitment to education in Georgia.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
27 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to Big A Elementary
28 School.