

Senate Resolution 587

By: Senators Millar of the 40th, Henson of the 41st and Tippins of the 37th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Ms. Jeannie M. "Sis" Henry on the occasion of her retirement;
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Ms. Jeannie M. "Sis" Henry will be retiring as executive director of the Georgia
4 School Boards Association (GSBA) on June 30, 2015; and

5 WHEREAS, Ms. Henry is a graduate of Druid Hills High School and earned her bachelor's
6 degree in journalism from the University of Georgia; and

7 WHEREAS, she has spent more than 44 years as a steadfast advocate of public education;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, her experience ranges from the classroom to the central office and 22 years with
10 the South Carolina School Boards Association; and

11 WHEREAS, she returned to Georgia in September, 2001, and has served as the executive
12 director of the GSBA since that time; and

13 WHEREAS, she serves as president and chairwoman of the Board of GSBA's wholly owned
14 subsidiary, eBOARDsolutions; and

15 WHEREAS, under her leadership at GSBA, a strategic plan has been developed that is
16 providing a framework to improve the association's programs and services and its advocacy
17 efforts; and

18 WHEREAS, a tribute to her vision was the construction and completion of a new GSBA
19 headquarters in 2006; and

20 WHEREAS, she has also devoted much of her time to building collaborative relationships
21 among GSBA and educational, legislative, and business leaders and groups; and

22 WHEREAS, she is known as an expert in the field of communications, professional
23 development, superintendent searches, and finance campaigns; has worked with school
24 boards on conflict management, goal-setting, and team-building; and has traveled the country
25 assisting school boards, school boards associations, and local school districts; and

26 WHEREAS, she is a noted author and has penned numerous articles, training kits, and
27 manuals on school finance campaigns, communications, and boardsmanship; and

28 WHEREAS, she has served in numerous national and state-wide capacities in the field of
29 education, including president of the National School Public Relations Association,
30 chairwoman of the National School Boards Association's Council of School Board
31 Association's Communicators, chairwoman of the National School Boards Association's
32 Executive Directors' Liaison Committee, vice chairwoman of the Board of Directors of the
33 American School Foundation Association, member of the Board of Directors and Executive
34 Committee of the National School Boards Association, member of the Board of Directors
35 and Executive Committee of the Georgia Partnership for Excellence in Education, and
36 treasurer and member of the Board of Directors for the Georgia Leadership Institute for
37 Students Improvement; and

38 WHEREAS, among the many awards and recognition she has received, she was named the
39 2000 and 2009 recipient of the National School Boards Association's highest honor, the
40 Shannon Award for Excellence in School Board Governance; in 2009, the Georgia General
41 Assembly honored her with a resolution recognizing her dedication and service to public
42 education; and South Carolina's governor honored her in 2001 with the state's highest civilian
43 honor, the Order of the Palmetto; and

44 WHEREAS, she is the loving mother of two children and loving grandmother of three
45 grandchildren; and

46 WHEREAS, she is a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for
47 integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness; and

48 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
49 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized upon the grand occasion
50 of her retirement.

51 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
52 recognize and commend Ms. Jeannie M. "Sis" Henry for her efficient, effective, unselfish,
53 and dedicated public service to the State of Georgia; congratulate her upon the grand
54 occasion of her retirement; and extend to her their most sincere best wishes for continued
55 health and happiness.

56 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
57 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Ms. Jeannie M.
58 "Sis" Henry.