

House Resolution 892

By: Representatives Teasley of the 37th, Evans of the 42nd, Reeves of the 34th, and Setzler of the 35th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending Leigh Colburn; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Leigh Colburn has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the vital
3 role that she has played in leadership and her deep personal commitment to the welfare of
4 the students of the Marietta school system; and
- 5 WHEREAS, a Marietta native, she holds a Bachelor of Science in elementary education from
6 Kennesaw State University, a Master of Education in curriculum and assessment from the
7 University of Mississippi, and an Education Specialist degree in educational leadership and
8 school improvement from the University of Alabama; and
- 9 WHEREAS, she has served with distinction since 2005 as Principal of Marietta High School,
10 an International Baccalaureate World School and a Title One School of Distinction; and
- 11 WHEREAS, under her leadership, Marietta High School earned Georgia Department of
12 Education recognition as an AP Access and Support School for the sixth year in a row and
13 as an AP Humanities School based on the results of the 2013-2014 AP classes and exams;
14 and
- 15 WHEREAS, she is a 2014 graduate of Cobb Chamber's Honorary Commanders Program, a
16 2006 graduate of Leadership Cobb Chamber of Commerce Program, a charter member of the
17 Board of Directors of the Davis Direction Foundation, and a charter member of the Marietta
18 Mentoring for Leadership Organization; and
- 19 WHEREAS, she was selected by YWCA as Northwest Georgia's 2010 Woman of the Year,
20 serves as an ongoing volunteer and committee member of the YWCA of North Georgia, was
21 selected by Marietta Schools Foundation as the 2008 recipient of the Marietta High School
22 Distinguished Alumnus Award, was selected in 2008 by *Cobb Life Magazine* as one of Cobb

23 County's Ten Power Women, and was selected in 2008 by Cobb Marietta Junior League as
24 one of 75 notable women in Cobb County history; and

25 WHEREAS, on July 1, 2015, Leigh Colburn will become the director of the new Graduate
26 Marietta Success Center, a district-run program designed to better prepare Marietta High
27 School students for graduation by providing additional counseling and resources and will use
28 new approaches to support students beyond the classroom, such as behavior intervention and
29 therapeutic services; and

30 WHEREAS, she has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of her time,
31 talents, and energy toward the betterment of her community and state as evidenced
32 dramatically by her superlative service with Marietta city schools; and

33 WHEREAS, Leigh Colburn is passionate about the success of her students, both
34 academically and personally, and her enthusiasm for her students' learning experience is
35 contagious to those around her; and

36 WHEREAS, her significant organizational and leadership talents, her remarkable patience
37 and diplomacy, her keen sense of vision, and her sensitivity to the needs of the citizens of
38 this state have earned her the respect and admiration of her colleagues and associates; and

39 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
40 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

41 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
42 the members of this body commend Leigh Colburn for her efficient, effective, unselfish, and
43 dedicated public service to the Marietta school system and extend to her their most sincere
44 best wishes for continued success.

45 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
46 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Leigh
47 Colburn.