

## House Resolution 1291

By: Representatives Williams of the 119<sup>th</sup>, Quick of the 117<sup>th</sup>, Coleman of the 97<sup>th</sup>, and Clark of the 101<sup>st</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Shawna McGrath, Oconee County Schools 2016 Teacher of the Year; and for  
2 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, Shawna McGrath has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the  
6 vital role that she has played in the teaching profession and her deep personal commitment  
7 to the education of the students of Georgia; and

8 WHEREAS, she has earned distinction and numerous awards for teaching excellence as a  
9 result of her dedication to her students and her profession and has been honored as Oconee  
10 County Schools 2016 Teacher of the Year; and

11 WHEREAS, holding a bachelor's degree from Murray State, a master's from West Georgia,  
12 and a specialist degree from Lincoln Memorial, she worked for Cobb County Schools and  
13 the Clarke County School District before joining the Oconee County School District; and

14 WHEREAS, her community's emphasis on education and her mother's passion and  
15 dedication to her job led Ms. McGrath to follow in her mother's footsteps and become a  
16 teacher; and

17 WHEREAS, Evelyn Wages, Shawna McGrath's principal, says that Shawna's energy level  
18 is higher than that of the "Energizer Bunny," and she is able to integrate subject matter so  
19 that the children view learning as fun and interesting; and

20 WHEREAS, in recognition of her contributions to the education and welfare of young people  
21 in this state, it is abundantly fitting and proper for this body to honor the extraordinary  
22 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 Shawna McGrath, Oconee County Schools 2016  
25 Teacher of the Year, and express to her their most sincere best wishes for continued success.

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