

Senate Resolution 1116

By: Senator Butler of the 55th

### A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the 2015-2016 Teacher of the Year Award recipients from  
2 DeKalb County Schools, District 55; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, from preschool to high school, devoted teachers prepare all of us for our future;  
4 and

5 WHEREAS, anyone who works, dreams, imagines, creates, or contributes to society owes  
6 thanks to a teacher who has provided help, knowledge, and inspiration along the way; and

7 WHEREAS, it is appropriate that teachers be recognized for their dedication and  
8 commitment to educating children; and

9 WHEREAS, in 1971, the Georgia Department of Education began Georgia's Teacher of the  
10 Year Program to spotlight the teaching profession and to recognize the commitment and  
11 devotion of especially outstanding public school teachers at each school; and

12 WHEREAS, to be selected as Teacher of the Year, one must be a certified classroom teacher  
13 who is an exceptionally dedicated, knowledgeable, and skilled teacher, who inspires students  
14 of all backgrounds to want to learn, who has the respect and admiration of students, parents,  
15 and colleagues, and who plays an active role in the school and community; and

16 WHEREAS, a Teacher of the Year is nominated and selected by his or her fellow teachers  
17 as professional recognition of the Teacher of the Year's instructional expertise and dedication  
18 for motivating his or her students to reach their full learning potential; and

19 WHEREAS, the 2015-2016 Teachers of the Year for DeKalb County, District 55, are  
20 Tameka Florence of Marbut Elementary School, Nicole Andrews of Mary McLeod Bethune  
21 Middle School, Sylvia Johnson of Panola Way Elementary School, Shaletta  
22 Lightsoot-Haughton of Pine Ridge Elementary School, Erika Mayfield of Princeton

23 Elementary School, Courtney Tomas-Banes of Redan Elementary School, Raymee Burrell  
24 of Redan High School, Amethyst Clowers-Davis of Redan Middle School, Carol McWhorter  
25 of Rock Chapel Elementary School, Shawna Jenkins of Shadow Rock Elementary School,  
26 Sherri Taggard of Stephenson High School, and Gerald Brown of Stephenson Middle  
27 School; and

28 WHEREAS, in recognition of such remarkable contributions to the education and welfare  
29 of Georgia's students, it is abundantly fitting and proper for this body to honor the  
30 extraordinary accomplishments and academic achievements of these exceptional teachers.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
32 recognize and commend the 2015-2016 Teacher of the Year Award recipients from DeKalb  
33 County Schools, and express gratitude for their invaluable contributions to education in  
34 Georgia.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
36 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the 2015-2016  
37 Teacher of the Year Award recipients from DeKalb County Schools.