

House Resolution 1667

By: Representative Jones of the 62<sup>nd</sup>

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Mr. Ron Clark; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Mr. Ron Clark, known to many as "America's Educator," is the 2000 Disney  
3 American Teacher of the Year, a two-time *New York Times* Bestselling author, the subject  
4 of a television movie, and the founder of The Ron Clark Academy; and

5 WHEREAS, bringing charisma, energy, and devotion to the education profession, he has  
6 pioneered innovative projects in rural North Carolina, working with minority students in a  
7 low wealth area, and his highly effective programs have garnered national attention and led  
8 to a White House invitation to be honored by the President of the United States; and

9 WHEREAS, an inner-city school serving students across metro Atlanta, The Ron Clark  
10 Academy, founded in 2006, is a privately funded institution that is unique for its  
11 groundbreaking teaching methods and curriculum based on world-wide travel; and

12 WHEREAS, teachers from around the world visit the Academy to observe the innovative and  
13 "out of the box" methods for achieving student success; and

14 WHEREAS, in 2011, he published *The End of Molasses Classes: Getting Our Kids*  
15 *Unstuck—101 Extraordinary Solutions for Parents and Teachers*, a *New York Times* Best  
16 Seller that brought to light 101 innovative and classroom-tested ways for improving  
17 America's schools and leading children to greatness; and

18 WHEREAS, appearing regularly on network and cable television shows, such as the Today  
19 Show, CNN, and Oprah, Mr. Clark was dubbed by Ms. Oprah Winfrey as her first  
20 "Phenomenal Man"; and

21 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this  
22 remarkable and distinguished individual be appropriately recognized.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
24 the members of this body recognize and commend Mr. Ron Clark for his dedicated public  
25 service to the State of Georgia.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representative is authorized  
27 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Mr.  
28 Ron Clark.