

House Resolution 1843

By: Representative Ralston of the 7th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Sandra H. Mercier; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Sandra H. Mercier is the former Superintendent of Fannin County Schools and
3 an exceptional educator; and

4 WHEREAS, Sandra was born and raised in the McCaysville area, attending McCaysville
5 Elementary and West Fannin High School where upon graduation she attended Young Harris
6 College and the University of Georgia and graduated with high honors from Clemson
7 University with a Bachelor of Science in Education and later received her Master's Degree
8 from North Georgia College and an Education Specialist Degree from Lincoln Memorial
9 University; and

10 WHEREAS, Ms. Mercier began her career teaching 7th grade at Morganton Elementary,
11 then teaching at East Fannin High School for a short time before moving to West Fannin
12 High School where she taught English, Drama, and Creative Writing; and

13 WHEREAS, while serving in the classroom for 26 years, she has been honored six times as
14 a STAR teacher and as Fannin High School 2000 Teacher of the Year and won the Fannin
15 County Retired Teachers Award for Outstanding Educator; and

16 WHEREAS, Sandra's career then led her from the classroom to being assistant principal at
17 Fannin County High School for one year and Curriculum Director for two years, and she has
18 served as superintendent; and

19 WHEREAS, she went on to serve five years as a member of the Fannin County Board of
20 Education; and

21 WHEREAS, Ms. Mercer is married to Tim Mercier and they have two wonderful daughters,
22 Melissa and Amanda, married respectively to David Lillard and Joe Foster; Melissa and

23 David have two children, Zach and Annabell Lee, and Amanda and Joe have a daughter,
24 Alexandra Grace; and

25 WHEREAS, Sandra has been a member of the Advisory Board of Fannin Regional Hospital,
26 member of the Fannin County Health Board, member and past president of Delta Kappa
27 Gamma, Women's Honorary Society for Educators, member and vice chair of the North
28 Georgia RESA Board of Directors, member and former president of the American Heart
29 Association, and member of the Fannin County Library Board; and

30 WHEREAS, her other activities include being adviser to the Georgia Mountain Writers'
31 Project at North Georgia College, and she is a charter member of The Blue Ridge Mountain
32 Arts Association and a devoted member of First Baptist Church of Blue Ridge; and

33 WHEREAS, her career as an educator and her public service have been characterized by the
34 highest standards of integrity, excellence, and class; and

35 WHEREAS, Henry Brooks Adams reveals the immense responsibility of being an educator
36 when he said, "A teacher affects eternity, he can never tell where his influence stops," and
37 Sandra H. Mercier embodies this important truth as she has made a difference in the lives of
38 so many and has taken this responsibility to heart.

39 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
40 the members of this body recognize and commend the extraordinary contributions Sandra H.
41 Mercier has made to her community and the State of Georgia after 42 years of service as an
42 educator.

43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
44 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
45 Sandra H. Mercier.