

House Resolution 1922

By: Representatives Dempsey of the 13th, Lumsden of the 12th, and Coomer of the 14th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Brandon Johnson, Rome City Schools' 2016 Teacher of the Year; and for other
2 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, Brandon Johnson has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the
6 vital role that he has played in the teaching profession and his deep personal commitment to
7 the education of the students of Georgia; and

8 WHEREAS, he has earned distinction for teaching excellence as a result of his dedication
9 to his students and his profession and has been honored as Rome City Schools' 2016 Teacher
10 of the Year; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Johnson disliked school as a child because of the academic struggles he
12 faced due to a learning disability that inhibited him from hearing key sounds in words; and

13 WHEREAS, while he was a senior in high school, he was asked to volunteer as a mentor in
14 a special needs classroom at an elementary school, and the children taught him that having
15 a disability was not the end of the world, that everyone had something special to share, and
16 that he should build on his strengths; and

17 WHEREAS, his experience led him to major in special education in college, and he has been
18 working as a special education teacher for 14 years; and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Johnson looks forward to going to school every day now, and his greatest
20 contributions to special education are providing mildly intellectual students the opportunity
21 to transition into the community, whether that be by helping them receive a job at

22 McDonald's, pass their driver's license examination, or learn how to function independently
23 with daily activities; and

24 WHEREAS, helping his students accomplish huge tasks makes his job worthwhile and
25 meaningful; and

26 WHEREAS, in recognition of Mr. Johnson's contributions to the education and welfare of
27 young people in this state, it is abundantly fitting and proper for this body to honor the
28 extraordinary accomplishments and academic achievements of this outstanding individual.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
30 the members of this body commend Brandon Johnson, Rome City Schools' 2016 Teacher of
31 the Year, and express their most sincere best wishes for continued success.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
33 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
34 Brandon Johnson.