

House Resolution 166

By: Representatives Coleman of the 97th, Casas of the 107th, Chandler of the 105th, Nix of the 69th, Tanner of the 9th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Professional Association of Georgia Educators (PAGE), the Georgia
2 Association of Educational Leaders (GAEL), and the Georgia Association of Colleges for
3 Teacher Education (GACTE); recognizing February 21, 2017, as PAGE/GAEL/GACTE Day
4 at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

5 WHEREAS, the Professional Association of Georgia Educators (PAGE) is the state's largest
6 organization for professional educators with more than 92,000 members who are teachers,
7 administrators, and support personnel employed in every school system in Georgia; and

8 WHEREAS, PAGE was founded in the 1970's with the mission to make Georgia a better
9 place for students to learn and for teachers to teach; and the PAGE Foundation sponsors the
10 Academic Bowl for Middle Grades, the Georgia Academic Decathlon for high school
11 students, and STAR, the Student and Teacher Achievement Recognition program; and

12 WHEREAS, PAGE has promoted teaching as a profession by sponsoring local chapters of
13 the Future Georgia Educators in middle and high schools across the state and student PAGE
14 groups - SPAGE - on the campuses of colleges and universities throughout Georgia; and

15 WHEREAS, PAGE has adopted its mission and core business to provide professional
16 learning to enhance competence and confidence, build leadership, and increase student
17 achievement; and

18 WHEREAS, PAGE actively participates in the legislative process each year, working to
19 improve education and student achievement while promoting a positive and professional
20 working relationship with legislative representatives across the state; and

21 WHEREAS, the Georgia Association of Educational Leaders (GAEL) is the organization that
22 provides unity of school leadership groups in Georgia, and is a state-wide "umbrella"
23 organization, composed of six professional affiliate associations for school leaders; and

24 WHEREAS, the mission of GAEL is to improve public education in Georgia through high
25 quality leadership development, advocacy and a resource network for educational leaders;
26 and

27 WHEREAS, the mission of GACTE is to provide leadership on issues related to professional
28 education, with primary focus on teacher education; promotes effective public policy
29 regarding professional education; enhances and improves professional education programs
30 at member institutions; and enhances the professional effectiveness of members; and

31 WHEREAS, on February 21, 2017, local PAGE, GAEL, and GACTE leaders will gather at
32 the state capitol to meet with their local legislative delegation on behalf of Georgia educators.

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
34 the members of this body commend the Professional Association of Georgia Educators, the
35 Georgia Association of Educational Leaders, and the Georgia Association of Colleges for
36 Teacher Education for their contributions to education and to educators and recognize
37 February 21, 2017, as PAGE/GAEL/GACTE Day at the state capitol.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
39 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to
40 PAGE, GAEL, and GACTE.