

House Resolution 917

By: Representative Smith of the 70th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending The Heritage School; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, The Heritage School has a long and consistent record of service to the
3 community and this state and has been recognized as one of the most dynamic and
4 committed educational facilities in Georgia; and

5 WHEREAS, The Heritage School was granted its charter by the State of Georgia on
6 October 7, 1969, with 73 acres of land on Highway 29 donated by Katie Arnall Freeman; and

7 WHEREAS, the school initially served grades one through eight; in 1973, grades nine and
8 ten were added, and kindergarten and grades 11 and 12 were added in the following three
9 years; and

10 WHEREAS, since graduating its first class in 1975, its pedagogy and curricula have evolved
11 to exemplify the cutting edge in local, national, and global best practices in teaching and
12 learning; and

13 WHEREAS, a strategic planning group came together in 2015 to plot a bold course for
14 2015-2020, and their master plan outlined the need for a new administration building that
15 could serve as a beautiful focal point for current students, families, and visitors; and

16 WHEREAS, the administration building recently finished construction due to the generosity
17 of Susie Arnall Mann Thomasson; and

18 WHEREAS, Susie left her earthly home on October 3, 2015, leaving behind her lifelong
19 sweetheart and husband, Dr. James J. Thomasson, Jr., and their four loving children, Myrtle,
20 Emeline, James, and Alton; and

21 WHEREAS, The Heritage School is lovingly dedicating its new, centrally located
22 administration building to Susie Arnall Mann Thomasson, who had envisioned the new
23 building for years and wanted it to be a part of the Thomasson legacy; and

24 WHEREAS, she dedicated her time, talents, and energy towards the betterment of her
25 community, and her generosity shaped the legacy of The Heritage School in a way
26 reminiscent of her Aunt Katie Freeman's donation of the original land upon which the school
27 is built; and

28 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
29 extraordinary school and its exemplary founders, patrons, students, and staff be appropriately
30 recognized.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
32 the members of this body commend The Heritage School for its many valuable contributions
33 on behalf of the young people of this state and extend best wishes for its continued growth,
34 development, and success.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
36 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to The
37 Heritage School.