

Senate Resolution 529

By: Senators Harbin of the 16th, Albers of the 56th, Kirk of the 13th, Mullis of the 53rd and Robertson of the 29th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Suzette Weinhardt for being named a finalist for the
2 prestigious Georgia Teacher of the Year Award; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Suzette Weinhardt is one of the ten finalists in the running for Georgia Teacher
4 of the Year; and

5 WHEREAS, in 2016, Suzette Weinhardt of Sandy Creek High was announced as Fayette
6 County's 2016 Teacher of the Year; and

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8 WHEREAS, Suzette, a math teacher, is the fourth Fayette County Teacher of the Year
9 selected as a state finalist, and is the second county winner from Sandy Creek High to vie for
10 the state title; and

11 WHEREAS, if Suzette wins, she will make history as the first Fayette County teacher
12 selected as Georgia's Teacher of the Year; and

13 WHEREAS, the ten finalists were chosen from a pool of 150 applicants; all of whom had
14 been previously selected as their school district's Teacher of the Year. The applications were
15 read by a panel of judges that included teachers, past Georgia Teacher of the Year winners
16 and finalists, administrators, community leaders, and others. The finalists were chosen based
17 on the strength of their essay responses; and

18 WHEREAS, over the next several weeks, a panel of judges will conduct interviews and
19 observe speeches given by the finalists. The winner will be announced June 12; and

20 WHEREAS the 2018 Georgia Teacher of the Year will travel around the state and nation
21 serving as an ambassador for the teaching profession. The winner will also be entered in the
22 National Teacher of the Year competition; and

23 WHEREAS, the dedication and commitment Suzette Weinhardt has shown to her classes is
24 worthy of being recognized and commended as exceptional.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
26 recognize and commend Suzette Weinhardt for her perseverance that has allowed her to be
27 selected as a finalist for the prestigious Teacher of the Year award.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
29 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Suzette Weinhardt.