

## House Resolution 1401

By: Representatives Wiedower of the 119<sup>th</sup> and Gaines of the 117<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Mr. Keith Carter for being named Principal of the Year by the Georgia  
2 Association of Secondary School Principals and recognizing his many years of service to the  
3 Oconee County education system; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Keith Carter received a bachelor's degree from Jacksonville State  
5 University and a master's degree from the University of Georgia before serving as a teacher  
6 in the Oconee County and Clarke County School Districts; and

7 WHEREAS, after serving as a teacher for a number of years, he was hired as the assistant  
8 principal for Malcom Bridge Elementary School and then served as the principal for Colham  
9 Ferry Elementary School; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Carter was named principal of Oconee County Middle School in 2016,  
11 acting as a transformative force that increased the school's college readiness score and earned  
12 the school a 5-star climate rating; and

13 WHEREAS, due to his success at the school, Oconee County Middle School was named a  
14 breakout school by the Georgia Association of Secondary School Principal (GASSP), making  
15 Oconee County Middle School one of six schools in the state to receive such an honor; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Carter was selected as one of six finalists for GASSP Principal of the Year  
17 based upon the skills he displayed in developing personalized curriculum and instruction  
18 methods that helped students at his school to achieve and thrive; and

19 WHEREAS, after a thorough and competitive interview process, Mr. Carter was selected to  
20 receive the Principal of the Year Award, making him the first teacher from Oconee County  
21 to be granted the honor.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
23 the members of this body congratulate Mr. Keith Carter on receiving such well-deserved  
24 recognition from the GASSP and thank him for all he has done to benefit the students for  
25 whom he has worked.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representative is authorized  
27 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Keith  
28 Carter.