

House Resolution 48EX

By: Representatives Hugley of the 136th, Smyre of the 135th, Smith of the 134th, Buckner of the 137th, and Smith of the 133rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Acknowledging Mrs. Matthews-Coaxum for her work in public education; 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, Mrs. Matthews-Coaxum began her career in the Bibb County School District
6 in Macon, Georgia, in 1992, and she came to the Muscogee County School District in 1994
7 as a special education teacher; and

8 WHEREAS, in 2003, she was appointed assistant principal of Harris County Carver Middle
9 School within the Harris County School District, where she served in a leadership capacity
10 for one school year; she returned to the Muscogee County School District in 2004 to serve
11 as the coordinator of the National Model Teenage Parenting Center; and

12 WHEREAS, in 2006, she was appointed principal of the Muscogee County Evening School,
13 and in 2007, she was appointed principal of Fort Service Learning Magnet Academy, the
14 "Best Middle School in the World"; and

15 WHEREAS, in 2019, Mrs. Matthews-Coaxum was appointed to seek, serve, and support the
16 Muscogee County School District as the executive director of the Program for Exceptional
17 Students; and

18 WHEREAS, Mrs. Matthews-Coaxum is known throughout the state as an exemplary leader
19 in public education, earning recognition as the Muscogee County PTA Principal of the Year
20 in 2011; and

21 WHEREAS, in 2014, the Georgia Women's Legislative Caucus recognized Mrs.
22 Matthews-Coaxum for her dedication and service to education, presenting her with the
23 Servant Leadership Award; she was a Georgia Association of Secondary School Principals
24 Principal of the Year finalist in 2013, 2014, 2015, and 2018; and

25 WHEREAS, Mrs. Matthews-Coaxum's service to public education made a visible statewide
26 impact when she served as a member of the Georgia Association of Secondary School
27 Principals and the Troops to Teachers Advisory Committee for the Georgia Professional
28 Standards Commission; and

29 WHEREAS, Mrs. Matthews-Coaxum has served public education through active
30 membership in several organizations and leadership roles, including service on the
31 Superintendent's Education Advisory Council as a principal representative for the Muscogee
32 County School District; and

33 WHEREAS, in recognition of her contributions to the education and welfare of young people
34 in this state, it is abundantly fitting and proper for this body to honor the extraordinary
35 accomplishments and academic achievements of this outstanding educator.

36 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
37 the members of this body urge all citizens to acknowledge the work Mrs. Matthews-Coaxum
38 has done for public education in Columbus, Georgia, and extend best wishes for the next
39 stage of her life.

40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
41 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Mrs.
42 Matthews-Coaxum.