

House Resolution 870

By: Representatives Ballard of the 147th, Williams of the 148th, Blackmon of the 146th, Jones of the 143rd, and Dickey of the 134th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Jade Thomas, one of 10 finalists for the 2026 Georgia Teacher of the Year; and
2 for other 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, nothing is more vital to the future of our state than the education of our young
6 people, and Jade Thomas exemplifies the selfless dedication that is characteristic of our finest
7 teachers; and

8 WHEREAS, Jade Thomas is a highly praised Fourth grade English language arts and social
9 studies teacher at Lake Joy Elementary School, tirelessly directing an extraordinary amount
10 of time and talent toward guiding students to a brighter future; and

11 WHEREAS, Jade Thomas has earned distinction and numerous awards for teaching
12 excellence as a result of her dedication to her students and her profession and has been
13 honored as one of 10 finalists for the 2026 Georgia Teacher of the Year; and

14 WHEREAS, she served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United
15 States Marine Corps, valiantly and courageously protecting her fellow Americans; her
16 military experiences led her to become a co-founder of the school's Military Kids Club; and

17 WHEREAS, in recognition of such remarkable contributions to the education and welfare
18 of Georgia's students, it is abundantly fitting and proper for this body to honor the
19 extraordinary accomplishments and academic achievements of this outstanding educator.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
21 the members of this body commend Jade Thomas, one of 10 finalists for the 2026 Georgia
22 Teacher of the Year, and express their most sincere best wishes for continued success.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
24 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Jade
25 Thomas.