

House Resolution 1776

By: Representatives Dawson of the 65th, Glaize of the 67th, McQueen of the 61st, Berry of the 56th, Herring of the 145th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the importance of National Board Certification in strengthening the teaching
2 profession in the State of Georgia; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the quality of teaching is the most significant in-school factor influencing
4 student achievement and long-term educational success; and

5 WHEREAS, the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS) established
6 National Board Certification as the highest voluntary professional certification for educators
7 in the United States, recognizing accomplished teaching through rigorous standards and a
8 commitment to continuous professional growth; and

9 WHEREAS, educators who achieve National Board Certification demonstrate advanced
10 content knowledge, expert instructional practice, and the ability to analyze student learning
11 to improve outcomes; and

12 WHEREAS, National Board Certified Teachers serve as instructional leaders who mentor
13 colleagues, strengthen professional learning communities, and support improved teaching
14 and learning in schools; and

15 WHEREAS, research shows that students taught by National Board Certified Teachers
16 demonstrate higher academic growth and that schools with more certified teachers
17 experience stronger collaboration and improved teacher retention; and

18 WHEREAS, Georgia currently ranks 50th in the nation in the percentage of educators
19 holding National Board Certification, highlighting an opportunity to expand accomplished
20 teaching across the state; and

21 WHEREAS, increasing the number of National Board Certified Teachers would strengthen
22 the educator workforce, expand teacher leadership, and improve outcomes for Georgia's
23 students; and

24 WHEREAS, organizations such as the Georgia Teacher Leader Consortium National Board
25 Network support teachers pursuing certification through mentoring, professional learning,
26 and collaborative networks.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
28 the members of this body recognize the contributions of National Board Certified Teachers
29 and commend the educators who pursue this rigorous professional certification in service of
30 Georgia's students.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of this body recognize the importance of
32 sustained investment in initiatives that support teachers pursuing National Board
33 Certification, including mentoring programs, professional learning opportunities, and
34 candidate support networks that strengthen the educator workforce and improve outcomes
35 for Georgia students.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
37 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
38 Georgia Teacher Leader Consortium National Board Network, the National Board for
39 Professional Teaching Standards, the Georgia Department of Education, and other
40 appropriate state education leaders.