

Senate Resolution 1008

By: Senator Strickland of the 42nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Rachel Kinsaul, the 2026 Georgia Teacher of the Year, on being named a
2 finalist for the 2026 National Teacher of the Year; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Rachel Kinsaul, an accomplished agricultural science educator at Morgan
4 County High School, was selected as the 2026 Georgia Teacher of the Year, earning
5 recognition for her outstanding leadership, dedication, and excellence in advancing student
6 learning and success; and

7 WHEREAS, the Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO) has named Ms. Kinsaul
8 as one of only five finalists for the 2026 National Teacher of the Year, bringing great credit
9 to the State of Georgia and its public education system; and

10 WHEREAS, throughout her tenure as Georgia Teacher of the Year, Ms. Kinsaul has served
11 as a statewide advocate for public education, amplifying educator voices and promoting
12 meaningful, hands-on, career-connected learning for students across the state; and

13 WHEREAS, Ms. Kinsaul is distinguished for her ability to connect classroom instruction to
14 real world experiences, particularly through agricultural education, project-based learning,

15 and leadership development, preparing students to become confident, productive community
16 members; and

17 WHEREAS, her work has strengthened agricultural education programs, expanded
18 opportunities for students to engage in authentic problem solving, and inspired countless
19 young people to discover their strengths and pursue purposeful futures; and

20 WHEREAS, Rachel Kinsaul's exemplary service, her unwavering commitment to Georgia
21 students, and her distinguished representation of this state on the national stage reflect the
22 highest ideals of the teaching profession.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
24 commend Rachel Kinsaul for her recognition as the 2026 Georgia Teacher of the Year and
25 for her outstanding achievement in being named a finalist for the 2026 National Teacher of
26 the Year as well as extend their sincere best wishes for her continued success.

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