

House Resolution 1491

By: Representatives Hawkins of the 27th, Barr of the 103rd, Dubnik of the 29th, Dunahoo of the 30th, and Greene of the 151st

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the public service career of Marie Hawkins Merritt upon her
2 retirement; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Marie Hawkins Merritt, the only daughter of B. L. and Evelyn Hawkins, has
4 earned a long and lasting retirement following her distinguished career with the Gainesville
5 City School System; and

6 WHEREAS, Marie earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Brenau College in 1977, a
7 master's degree in technology from Leslie University in 2006, and a master's degree in early
8 childhood education from Brenau in 2007; and

9 WHEREAS, a quintessential Gainesville girl, Marie started working as a substitute teacher
10 in 1991, joined the professional staff of Fair Street Elementary as media clerk in 1994, served
11 as QBE clerk at her beloved Enota Elementary School in 2004, and became a classroom
12 technology teacher at Gainesville Exploration Academy in 2006; she will complete her
13 teaching career as a kindergarten teacher at Gainesville Exploration Academy in 2020; and

14 WHEREAS, Marie has exemplified the qualities of hard work and determination from her
15 formative time as a Girl Scout and throughout her adult life as an active member of St. Paul
16 United Methodist, an Enota Elementary School and Gainesville High School alumna, and a
17 daughter, wife, mother, and grandmother; and

18 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
19 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
21 the members of this body recognize and commend Marie Hawkins Merritt for her efficient,
22 effective, unselfish, and dedicated public service to the State of Georgia; congratulate her

23 upon the grand occasion of her retirement; and extend the most sincere best wishes for
24 continued health and happiness.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
26 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Marie
27 Hawkins Merritt.