

House Resolution 49EX

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 Recognizing and commending Miss Karen P. Jones; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Miss Karen P. Jones began her career with the Muscogee County School
3 District in October 1980, and she will be retiring on November 30, 2021, with 41 years of
4 service; and
- 5 WHEREAS, during Miss Jones' employment, she was promoted through the ranks from
6 payroll specialist to teacher certification specialist; and
- 7 WHEREAS, in 1990, Miss Jones was promoted to serve as executive assistant to the assistant
8 superintendent for policy development and student services; and
- 9 WHEREAS, in 1992, Miss Jones was promoted to serve as executive assistant to the board
10 and superintendent of education; and
- 11 WHEREAS, beginning in 1992, Miss Jones served alongside the leadership styles of six
12 superintendents of education, two of which were superintendent emeritus, and learned from
13 their principled focus on student achievement and their dedication to education, which was
14 strong enough to withstand pressure from factions and individuals; and

15 WHEREAS, in November 1993, Miss Jones said it was the crowning jewel to be promoted
16 to serve as executive assistant to the first elected school board. The board had previously
17 been appointed by the grand jury; and

18 WHEREAS, Miss Jones served with the board and superintendent in 1997 when the first
19 Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST), a one percent sales tax, was passed by
20 local voters, resulting in \$148,000,000 in revenue for capital improvements, and she has
21 since served during each of the five passages of the SPLOST; and

22 WHEREAS, Miss Jones, a product of the Muscogee County Public School System, furthered
23 her education at Columbus Technical College; and

24 WHEREAS, Miss Jones was a devoted daughter to her mother and she continues to be a
25 devoted daughter to her father; and

26 WHEREAS, Miss Jones is honored to have served with the many board members and
27 superintendents who have entrusted her with this unique opportunity; and

28 WHEREAS, Miss Jones' impeccable service was further demonstrated through her work as
29 the liaison for the Muscogee County School Board, Columbus Consolidated Government,
30 and the local state legislative delegation; and

31 WHEREAS, Miss Jones has pioneered through the district with dedication, insight, common
32 sense, courage and love for every child, and concern for every employee, earning the respect
33 and gratitude of this board, educators, board attorneys, media, and the many citizens who
34 know of her work.

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
36 the members of this body recognize and commend Miss Karen P. Jones for her many years
37 of service to the youth of this state and extend sincere best wishes for future health and
38 happiness.

39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
40 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Miss
41 Karen P. Jones.