

House Resolution 606

By: Representative Cheokas of the 138th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Ms. Laurene Guthas for her outstanding contributions to
2 public education in the State of Georgia; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Ms. Laurene Guthas has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for
4 the vital role that she has played in the teaching profession and her deep personal
5 commitment to the education of the students of Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, she is a long time distinguished resident of Sumter County and was an
7 exceptional student, graduating Magna Cum Laude from Georgia Southwestern College with
8 a major in elementary education before earning her master's degree in elementary education;
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10 WHEREAS, she began teaching in the Sumter County public school system and was honored
11 as the Sumter County Elementary Teacher of the Year in 1998; and

12 WHEREAS, in further recognition of her outstanding teaching service and the love her
13 students held for her, she received the 2010 Golden Apple Award and the 2014 Golden Paw
14 Award; and

15 WHEREAS, before her retirement, Ms. Laurene Guthas dedicated an amazing 35 years to
16 molding young minds and challenging students in Sumter County, where she was known as
17 both an effective instructor and compassionate nurturer; and

18 WHEREAS, thanks to her many years of selfless and dedicated service, hundreds of young
19 students learned and grew to become contributing Georgia citizens; and

20 WHEREAS, while working diligently to care for her many students, Laurene Guthas also
21 faithfully and tirelessly cared for her two children and her elderly mother; and

22 WHEREAS, she is an active member of Central Baptist Church in Americus, Georgia, where
23 she has loyally served God and her community since 1975; and

24 WHEREAS, Laurene is a devoted wife to her husband of 42 years, Michael Guthas, and a
25 loving mother and proud grandmother to their two amazing children, Kevin Guthas and
26 Kimberly Guthas Hart, and one wonderful grandson Henry Hart, V; and

27 WHEREAS, nothing is more vital to the future of this state than the education of our young
28 people, and Mrs. Guthas has, during her teaching career, exemplified the selfless dedication
29 and professionalism which are characteristic of this state's finest educators; and

30 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this body join in expressing sincere
31 appreciation to Ms. Laurene Guthas for her outstanding efforts and accomplishments in
32 education.

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
34 the members of this body commend Ms. Laurene Guthas for her sacrifice, foresight,
35 accomplishments, and contributions on behalf of education in Georgia, recognize her for the
36 positive influence she has had upon the lives and futures of countless young people in this
37 state, and extend to her their most sincere best wishes for happiness and success in her future
38 endeavors.

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
41 Laurene Guthas.