

## House Resolution 9

By: Representative Ralston of the 7<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of Sandra H. Mercier; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens  
3 with the passing of Sandra H. Mercier on November 10, 2018; and

4 WHEREAS, Sandra H. Mercier was born on November 18, 1946, in Copperhill, Tennessee,  
5 a beloved daughter of Ralph and Ruth Harper; and

6 WHEREAS, she dedicated her life to the Fannin County community as a distinguished  
7 teacher for 26 years before becoming an assistant principal and then the director of  
8 curriculum; in 2002, she became the first woman to serve as Superintendent of the Fannin  
9 County School System and after her retirement served as a member, vice chair, and chair of  
10 the Fannin County Board of Education; and

11 WHEREAS, a woman of deep and abiding faith, Sandra was an active member of First  
12 Baptist Church of Blue Ridge; and

13 WHEREAS, she was united in love and marriage to her husband, Tim, for 52 years and was  
14 blessed with two remarkable children, Melissa and Amanda, and three wonderful  
15 grandchildren, Zachary, Annabell Lee, and Alexandria Grace; and

16 WHEREAS, Sandra H. Mercier exemplified the selfless dedication that is characteristic of  
17 our state's finest educators and gave inspiration to many throughout her five-decade career  
18 for her high ideals, morals, and deep concern for all students; and

19 WHEREAS, she was a pillar of the community with an unimpeachable reputation for  
20 integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness, and by the example she made of her life, she  
21 made this world a better place in which to live; and

22 WHEREAS, Sandra H. Mercier was the embodiment of class, grace, and dignity, and her life  
23 was a reflection of these qualities; and

24 WHEREAS, she instilled in her students a curiosity to know more about their world and the  
25 diversity of all of God's children and also wanted learning opportunities for students who  
26 were otherwise unable to discover and explore the world around them and the cultures of  
27 many distant lands; and

28 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous woman, Sandra H. Mercier will long be  
29 remembered for her love of family, friendship, and community and will be missed by all who  
30 had the great fortune of knowing her.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
32 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Sandra H. Mercier and  
33 express their deepest and most sincere regret at her passing.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
35 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the  
36 family of Sandra H. Mercier.