

Senate Resolution 777

By: Senator Strickland of the 17th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Dr. Shannon Buff, the 2024 Georgia High School Principal
2 of the Year; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, a proper quality education for the young people of this state is the single most
4 important objective of the General Assembly; and

5 WHEREAS, Dr. Shannon Buff has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours
6 of her time, talents, and energy toward the betterment of her community and state, as
7 evidenced dramatically by her superlative service as principal of Newton High School; and

8 WHEREAS, she has earned distinction for administrative excellence and has been honored
9 by the Georgia Association of Secondary School Principals as the 2024 Georgia High School
10 Principal of the Year; and

11 WHEREAS, prior to her current role, she has served as a district level director, an assistant
12 principal, a social studies department chair, and a teacher; and

13 WHEREAS, during her distinguished tenure as principal, Newton High School has raised its
14 graduation rate from 81 to 92.3 percent, elevated its SAT and ACT scores, and secured \$50
15 million in scholarship offerings for students; and

16 WHEREAS, her dedication to service extends beyond the school and into her involvement
17 with numerous civic and professional organizations, including the Georgia Association of
18 Secondary School Principals, the Kiwanis Club of Covington, the Salvation Army Board of
19 Advisors, the Newton County Arts Association, and more; and

20 WHEREAS, Dr. Buff is a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable
21 reputation for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness; and

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

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
25 recognize and commend Dr. Shannon Buff, the 2024 Georgia High School Principal of the
26 Year, and extend the most sincere best wishes for continued health and happiness.

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 Dr. Shannon Buff.