

Senate Resolution 831

By: Senators Jackson of the 2nd, Jones of the 10th and Watson of the 1st

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and honoring Mr. Ernie Lee, 2016 Georgia Teacher of the Year; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Ernie Lee, an International Baccalaureate and Advanced Placement teacher
4 at Windsor Forest High School, was a corporate lawyer for over 20 years before becoming
5 a public school teacher; and

6 WHEREAS, holding a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology from Mercer University and
7 a Juris Doctorate degree from the Cumberland School of Law at Samford University, Mr.
8 Lee, in 2010, started working as a substitute teacher in his effort to do something that would
9 leave a lasting and positive impact on the community and the lives of others; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Lee, at the age of 50, began working on his teaching certifications in an
11 alternative teacher preparation program called the Georgia Academy for Teacher Preparation
12 and Pedagogy, allowing him to begin as a full-time special education inclusion co-teacher;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, his professional background and natural ability as a scholar set the foundation
15 for a teaching career that combines life experience, a masterful ability to share knowledge,
16 and the innate ability to inspire young minds; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Lee's years of experience practicing law and explaining complex concepts
18 to clients paved the way for his instructional techniques that involve not only challenging
19 students but also treating them with care, understanding, and a high level of respect; and

20 WHEREAS, as the 2016 Georgia Teacher of the Year, Mr. Lee speaks to groups and leads
21 workshops on issues related to building meaningful and positive relationships with students,
22 and as a representative for Georgia teachers, he sits on the board of the Georgia Partnership
23 of Excellence in Education; and

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

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
27 commend Mr. Ernie Lee for his dedicated service to his community and state.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
29 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Mr. Ernie Lee.