

House Resolution 1229

By: Representative Mallow of the 163rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Wilhelmenia Atkinson-Dean; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Wilhelmenia Atkinson-Dean has a long and consistent record of service to the
3 community and to this state and has been recognized as one of the most dynamic and
4 committed educators in Georgia; and

5 WHEREAS, this outstanding educator has had a tremendous impact on her community
6 through her spirit of service and desire to improve the quality of life in the Savannah,
7 Georgia area; and

8 WHEREAS, this remarkable educator has established a glowing reputation of renown
9 throughout Georgia for her dedication and high ideals; and

10 WHEREAS, born in Sumter, South Carolina, Mrs. Dean earned her bachelor's degree from
11 Allen University in Columbia, South Carolina, and she earned her master's degrees from
12 Columbia University in New York and Georgia Southern University; and

13 WHEREAS, during her 34 years with the Savannah-Chatham County Public School System,
14 Mrs. Dean dedicated her skills and abilities to the teaching of social studies, and she enjoyed
15 teaching U.S. history and government the most; and

16 WHEREAS, Mrs. Dean held leadership positions such as the chair of the department of
17 social studies for six years, chair of the Beach High School faculty for five years,
18 co-organizer and instructor of the federally funded Upward Bound Program for
19 college-bound students at Savannah State University, and more; and

20 WHEREAS, her extensive involvement in civic activities includes serving as a member of
21 the board of managers for Hodge Memorial Daycare Center, organizing the youth awards and
22 scholarship programs for outstanding African American high school students for the
23 Savannah chapter of The Links Incorporated, and she coordinated the chapter's health
24 project; and

25 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
26 extraordinary citizen be appropriately recognized.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
28 the members of this body recognize and commend Wilhelmenia Atkinson-Dean for her
29 dedication to education and to the community and extend best wishes for her future success
30 and happiness.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
32 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
33 Wilhelmenia Atkinson-Dean.