

House Resolution 1503

By: Representatives Ralston of the 7th, Jones of the 47th, Smith of the 70th, Randall of the 142nd, Braddock of the 19th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending First Lady Sandra Deal and inviting her to be recognized by the House of
2 Representatives; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, First Lady Sandra Deal, the daughter of educators, has dedicated her life to
4 encouraging childhood education; as a Georgia public school teacher, she taught for more
5 than 15 years, and retired as a sixth grade middle school teacher in Hall County; and

6 WHEREAS, she has furthered those efforts in her role as Georgia's First Lady, promoting
7 literacy as one of her top priorities; and

8 WHEREAS, as part of her "Read Across Georgia" tour, the First Lady has visited and read
9 to students in all 159 counties and 181 school districts in the State of Georgia to encourage
10 student reading; and

11 WHEREAS, community service and volunteering are additional top focuses of the First
12 Lady's; she launched "With a Servant's Heart" in 2011, which began as a state-wide day of
13 service and grew quickly into regular participation in community service programs and
14 volunteer events across Georgia; and

15 WHEREAS, she serves as chair of the Governor's Office for Children and Family, to
16 promote a state-wide effort to strengthen and support families and communities, and as
17 co-chair of the Georgia Children's Cabinet, which coordinates policies and resources to
18 improve outcomes for children and families, and provides leadership on child welfare and
19 juvenile justice issues in Georgia; and

20 WHEREAS, First Lady Deal grew up in Gainesville and graduated from Georgia College &
21 State University; and

22 WHEREAS, she has been united in love and marriage to Governor Nathan Deal for 47 years
23 and has four children and six grandchildren; they attend First Baptist Church in Gainesville.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
25 the members of this body commend First Lady Sandra Deal for her passionate dedication to
26 childhood education in the State of Georgia and invite her to be recognized by the House of
27 Representatives at a date and time to be determined by the Speaker of the House.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
29 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to First Lady Sandra Deal.