

## House Resolution 1767

By: Representative Thomas of the 56<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Woodie Persons; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Woodie Persons is the director of the Gate City School of Excellence, a grade  
3 school located in Southwest Atlanta, and has been teaching her students there for 33 years;  
4 prior to Gate City, she was a social studies teacher in both junior high and senior high for 12  
5 years; and

6 WHEREAS, Ms. Persons was born in Atlanta in 1949 and attended Atlanta Public Schools,  
7 graduating from C.L. Harper High School; and

8 WHEREAS, she holds a bachelor's degree in history and a minor in education from Clark  
9 College and a master's degree in African American studies from Atlanta University, and she  
10 also began work on a doctorate in American studies at Emory University; and

11 WHEREAS, Ms. Persons has taught in Norfolk, Virginia, and Fulton County Public Schools  
12 in Atlanta; and

13 WHEREAS, she is very committed to community education development and is planning  
14 to expand her program to include tutoring, Saturday Arts, debate tournaments, oratorical  
15 contests, career development, and stem activities, regardless of whether students are a part  
16 of Gate City's school program or other schools; and

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

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
20 the members of this body recognize and commend Woodie Persons and extend most sincere  
21 best wishes for continued success.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
23 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to  
24 Woodie Persons.