

House Resolution 1080

By: Representatives Glanton of the 75th, Burnough of the 77th, Bazemore of the 63rd, Douglas of the 78th, Stovall of the 74th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Clayton County Public Schools for its achievements on behalf of Clayton
2 County and recognizing February 23, 2018, as Clayton County Public Schools Day at the
3 state capitol; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, Clayton County Public Schools (CCPS) is fully accredited through
5 AdvancED-Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Councils on Accreditation and
6 School Improvement as of June 2016; and

7 WHEREAS, CCPS is the fifth largest school system in the State of Georgia and one of the
8 top 100 largest school systems in the nation; and

9 WHEREAS, the school system offers a world class education grounded in instructional
10 priorities of literacy, numeracy, critical thinking, and technology integration for more than
11 54,000 students at 65 learning sites, including various industry certified Career, Technical,
12 and Agricultural Education (CTAE) pathways, fine arts magnet programs, and dual language
13 academies, and it houses the second middle school in the State of Georgia to be awarded a
14 STEM certification program by the Georgia Department of Education; and

15 WHEREAS, the Clayton County Board of Education unanimously elected Dr. Morcease J.
16 Beasley to serve as Superintendent and CEO on May 8, 2017; and

17 WHEREAS, CCPS has focused on becoming one of the highest performing school systems
18 in the State of Georgia and the nation by establishing five critical areas of focus, including
19 academically challenging and supportive instructional environments, academic and
20 nonacademic support for students, professional development in content, pedagogy, and
21 leadership capacity, family and community engagement and communications, and public
22 relations and marketing; and

23 WHEREAS, the school system has adopted a school improvement framework, known as the
24 Nine Characteristics of High Performing Schools, to establish autonomy and accountability
25 measures for school and district leaders, to achieve coherence, and to more effectively
26 produce district-wide improvements and increases in student achievement outcomes; and

27 WHEREAS, Clayton County Public Schools' current graduation rate is 69.9 percent with five
28 schools experiencing improvement in 2016-2017; and

29 WHEREAS, the graduation rate for all Career, Technical, and Agricultural Education
30 concentrators is 92.8 percent; and

31 WHEREAS, two CCPS schools were among 142 schools statewide to rank on the 2017
32 Highest Performing Award list by the Governor's Office of Student Achievement by earning
33 a three-year average College and Career Ready Performance Index achievement score in the
34 93rd percentile; and

35 WHEREAS, 70 percent of eligible schools outperformed expectations by surpassing their
36 predicted College and Career Ready Performance Index (CCRPI) scores, which is the second
37 highest percentage among the six largest districts statewide; and

38 WHEREAS, CCPS achieved its largest increase in the district's overall 2016-2017 CCRPI
39 score since CCRPI Data was first implemented and outperformed the state-wide growth
40 percentage by 2.3 percentage points; and

41 WHEREAS, the school system has been recognized by the College Board as one of two
42 school systems in the State of Georgia that creates opportunities for traditionally
43 underrepresented students in higher education; and

44 WHEREAS, CCPS has increased stakeholder engagement and community support by
45 expanding communications efforts to involve all facets of the Clayton County community
46 by establishing Superintendent Advisory Groups and holding Critical Conversation meetings;
47 and

48 WHEREAS, the school system continues to create new relationships and rely on established
49 partnerships with local businesses, organizations, and colleges to provide opportunities for
50 all stakeholders to participate in the district's educational process; and

51 WHEREAS, CCPS annually participates in the Community Eligibility Option (CEP)
52 Program to offer healthy breakfast and lunch to all students for free, thus garnering the
53 Nutrition Services Department Outstanding Achievement Award from the Georgia
54 Department of Education for providing healthy school meals; and

55 WHEREAS, Clayton County Public Schools' Department of Transportation is recognized as
56 one of the top transportation departments in Georgia in the area of emissions reductions; and

57 WHEREAS, CCPS is recognized as an Asthma-Friendly school system by the Georgia
58 Department of Public Health, and it is the second school system to receive this designation
59 in the State of Georgia; and

60 WHEREAS, the school system's Department of Business Services is the recipient of the 2017
61 Annual Achievement of Excellence in Procurement Award; and

62 WHEREAS, CCPS is one of 13 agencies in Georgia and one of only 26 school districts in
63 the United States and Canada to be honored for achievement in best practices; and

64 WHEREAS, on Friday, February 23, 2018, State Representative Mike Glanton, Sr. and
65 members of the Clayton County Delegation served as host for Clayton County Public
66 Schools Day at the state capitol.

67 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
68 the members of this body commend Clayton County Public Schools for its achievements on
69 behalf of the community of Clayton and recognize February 23, 2018, as Clayton County
70 Public Schools Day at the state capitol.

71 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
72 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
73 Clayton County Public Schools.