

## House Resolution 1179

By: Representatives Cannon of the 58<sup>th</sup>, Park of the 101<sup>st</sup>, Trammell of the 132<sup>nd</sup>, Beverly of the 143<sup>rd</sup>, and Lopez of the 99<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Pride School Atlanta, Inc., and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Pride School Atlanta, Inc., is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to  
3 create schools that are free of homophobia and transphobia for youth of all ages; and

4 WHEREAS, every youth who has connected with Pride School Atlanta, Inc., is still alive  
5 today, beating the suicide and murder statistics that plague LGBTQ youth and, in four short  
6 years, it has raised over \$100,000 in individual financial contributions and grants, \$50,000  
7 in in-kind donations of goods, and over \$50,000 in professional services from experts in their  
8 fields; and

9 WHEREAS, since the opening of Pride School Atlanta, Inc., in August 2016, the school has  
10 provided a safe and affirming educational home to 17 students in a multi-age school that is  
11 free of homophobia and transphobia, as well as a place of employment for LGBTQ and ally  
12 educators who encourage authenticity in their interactions with students, parents, and with  
13 each other; and

14 WHEREAS, in recognition of its work in the school and in the community-at-large, Pride  
15 School Atlanta, Inc., was a finalist for a 2017 Guardian Angel Nonprofit Award by the  
16 Atlanta Gay & Lesbian Chamber of Commerce, and cofounder, transman Christian Zsilavetz,  
17 was honored with a similar service award by the Alpha Pi Delta Sorority in 2016; and Pride  
18 School Atlanta, Inc., was one of few schools that participated in the inaugural 2016  
19 Excellence in Education for African-American LGBTQ Youth Summit in Washington, D.C.,  
20 sponsored in part by the NEA, HRC, Teach for America, Hetrick-Martin Institute, and the  
21 National Black Justice Coalition.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
23 the members of this body recognize and commend Pride School Atlanta, Inc., for the vital  
24 work it has performed on behalf of the youth of the LGBTQ community.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
26 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the  
27 public and the press.