

House Resolution 1355

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 for other purposes.

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

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

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

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

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

22 WHEREAS, the school system has adopted a school improvement framework, known as the
23 Nine Characteristics of High Performing Schools, to establish autonomy and accountability

24 measures for school and district leaders, to achieve coherence, and to more effectively
25 produce district-wide improvements and increases in student achievement outcomes; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

50 WHEREAS, CCPS annually participates in the Community Eligibility Option (CEP)
51 Program to offer healthy breakfast and lunch to all students for free, thus garnering the

52 Nutrition Services Department Outstanding Achievement Award from the Georgia
53 Department of Education for providing healthy school meals; and

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

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

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

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

63 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
64 the members of this body commend Clayton County Public Schools for its achievements on
65 behalf of the community of Clayton.

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