

House Resolution 1356

By: Representatives Bennett of the 94th, Nelson of the 125th, Kennard of the 102nd, Clark of the 108th, and Dickerson of the 113th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending the Chisholm Leadership Academy; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, a proper quality education for the young people of this state is the single most
3 important objective of the General Assembly; and
- 4 WHEREAS, the Chisholm Leadership Academy (CLA) is inspired by United States
5 Congresswoman Shirley Chisholm, who made history when she became the first black
6 woman to run for Congress and the first black candidate for a major party's nomination for
7 president of the United States; and
- 8 WHEREAS, women comprise less than one-third of the Georgia General Assembly, only
9 four women have served as justices in the 174 years since the Georgia Supreme Court was
10 established, and no woman has ever served as governor of Georgia. In addition, women of
11 color historically have limited access to political training programs and have demonstratively
12 low exposure to elected role models of their same demographic; CLA exists to bridge that
13 gap; and
- 14 WHEREAS, CLA is a Georgia 501(c)(3) organization that cultivates a pipeline of middle and
15 high school girls of color to become catalysts for change and to be inspired for bold careers
16 in public service; and
- 17 WHEREAS, CLA's programs focus on the unique experiences and contributions of women
18 and girls of color and aim to combat gender, sociocultural, and racial stereotypes; boost
19 self-esteem; and help girls access and own their power; and
- 20 WHEREAS, it is CLA's aim to serve 500 Chisholm Scholars, grades 6–12, by 2025; and

21 WHEREAS, in recognition of such remarkable contributions to the education and welfare
22 of Georgia's students, it is abundantly fitting and proper for this body to honor the
23 extraordinary accomplishments of this outstanding academy.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
25 the members of this body commend the Chisholm Leadership Academy and express most
26 sincere best wishes for continued success.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
28 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
29 Chisholm Leadership Academy.