

House Resolution 1668

By: Representatives Stovall of the 74th, Scott of the 76th, Burnough of the 77th, and Schofield of the 60th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Forest Park High School Parent Teacher Student
2 Association; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Forest Park High School Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA)
4 recently received the highest honor that the National PTA can present to effective family
5 engagement efforts by a local unit; and

6 WHEREAS, the Forest Park High School PTSA was one of three winners and the only
7 school in the State of Georgia to win the 2017 – 2019 National PTA School of Excellence
8 and 2017 Phoebe Apperson Hearst Family-School Partnership Award of Merit; and

9 WHEREAS, the Forest Park High School PTSA has demonstrated outstanding success in
10 student achievements, school improvements, and character building through open
11 communications with the administrative team, faculty, staff members, students, parents, and
12 members of the local community; and

13 WHEREAS, it is their goal to continue to find ways to improve family engagement in
14 education and to create a culture and school climate that welcomes all; and

15 WHEREAS, the Forest Park High School PTSA set out to educate the school and community
16 on the importance of a powerfully functioning PTSA by partnering with the Forest Park
17 police and fire departments, the local church clergymen, elected officials, and members of
18 the community in order to greet students and distribute school supplies; and

19 WHEREAS, Forest Park High School possesses the most diverse student population in the
20 Clayton County Public School System, and ensures that interpreters are always available; and

21 WHEREAS, the PTSA shares its goals regularly during orientation, activities, guided school
22 tours, robo calls, newsletters, and community meetings; and

23 WHEREAS, the PTSA provides countless volunteer hours and engages with staff members
24 in order to identify the needs of the students and their families, and promotes "Panther Pride"
25 among everyone in the community; and

26 WHEREAS, the PTSA hosts regular student forums for the purpose of addressing the
27 principal with any concerns, and partnered with the Mexican American Legal Defense and
28 Educational Fund (MALDEF) program to protect Latinos, to promote their civil rights, and
29 to increase engagement in school; and

30 WHEREAS, because of the MALDEF program, a Hispanic involvement group was formed,
31 and 24 Hispanic families completed the program; and

32 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the Forest Park High School PTSA be
33 appropriately recognized for its outstanding accomplishments and for its positive impact on
34 the community.

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
36 the members of this body recognize and commend the Forest Park High School Parent
37 Teacher Student Association.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
39 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
40 Forest Park High School Parent Teacher Student Association.