

House Resolution 183

By: Representatives Herring of the 145th, Griffin of the 149th, Washburn of the 144th, Paris of the 142nd, Jones of the 143rd, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the Macon Violence Prevention Program for its impactful efforts in reducing
2 violent crime in Macon-Bibb County and commending its community-wide collaboration and
3 innovative approach to violence prevention; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, the Macon Violence Prevention (MVP) Program has become a model for
5 effective violence prevention by combining law enforcement-led efforts with public health
6 and community-led initiatives; and

7 WHEREAS, MVP has focused on addressing the root causes of violent crime through
8 targeted programs, equitable resource distribution, and innovative approaches, including
9 prioritizing community input and tailoring interventions at the neighborhood level; and

10 WHEREAS, Macon-Bibb County has experienced a significant and steady decline in
11 homicides every year since the inception of the MVP Program, demonstrating its
12 effectiveness in improving public safety; and

13 WHEREAS, the Community Foundation of Central Georgia has played a vital role in
14 administering MVP grants, supporting local non-profits focused on youth-centered

15 prevention programs, and strengthening grassroots organizations to create sustainable
16 community change; and

17 WHEREAS, eighty MVP community grants, totaling more than \$2.5 million, have been
18 awarded to 52 local non-profits to implement impactful programs providing mentorship,
19 educational opportunities, and resources to at-risk youth and their families; and

20 WHEREAS, MVP partners, including Mayor Lester Miller, Sheriff David Davis, District
21 Attorney Anita Howard, and the MVP Steering Committee, have worked collaboratively to
22 ensure that the program adheres to national best practices while fostering local innovation;
23 and

24 WHEREAS, the MVP Program's holistic and collaborative approach has earned Macon-Bibb
25 County the Visionary City Award from the Georgia Municipal Association in 2024, further
26 solidifying its reputation as a model for other communities; and

27 WHEREAS, Macon-Bibb County received national recognition by being ranked 6th in the
28 nation for its evidence-based approach to reduce violent crime in Community Justice's 2024
29 Violence Prevention Index; and

30 WHEREAS, the program's emphasis on collaboration among law enforcement, government,
31 non-profits, and residents has strengthened trust and created a safer environment for all
32 citizens in Macon-Bibb County.

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
34 the members of this body commend the Macon Violence Prevention Program for its

35 exemplary work in reducing violent crime, enhancing public safety, and empowering local
36 communities.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of this body recognize Mayor Lester Miller
38 for his leadership and vision in launching the MVP Program as well as all MVP partners,
39 including law enforcement, the judiciary, non-profit organizations, and community
40 stakeholders, for their tireless efforts in achieving shared goals.

41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
42 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to Mayor
43 Lester Miller, the Community Foundation of Central Georgia, and the MVP Steering
44 Committee.