

House Resolution 562

By: Representatives Teasley of the 37th and Reeves of the 34th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Marietta High School Culinary Arts Program and Program Director Chef
2 Ginger Pratt; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Marietta High School Culinary Arts Program is a four-year career pathway
4 that includes a ServSafe overview; basic cooking skills such as poaching, braising, and
5 grilling; an introduction to stocks, soups, and sauces; management of an on-site restaurant
6 and catering special events within the community; and internships in the community and the
7 Atlanta area; and

8 WHEREAS, juniors at Marietta High School who are part of the program run Devil Rock,
9 the school's restaurant, which is open two days every other week for lunch; and

10 WHEREAS, Chef Ginger Pratt says that running the restaurant teaches students to cook, take
11 orders, and serve food, and a typical meal the students cook includes barbecue chicken, corn
12 bread, collard greens, macaroni and cheese, and homemade banana pudding; and

13 WHEREAS, sophomores at Marietta High School who participate in the program prepare
14 meals twice a month for a group at the Extension, a long-term residential recovery program
15 for homeless men and women; and

16 WHEREAS, by preparing and serving food at the Extension, students are able to help those
17 who are less fortunate than they are and serve the community; and

18 WHEREAS, on the night of "Snowmageddon" in 2014, Chef Ginger Pratt and 13 of her
19 culinary students provided dinner for approximately 700 students who were stranded at
20 Marietta High School; and

21 WHEREAS, Chef Pratt and her students cooked all afternoon on the day of the inclement
22 weather to prepare a meal of barbecue, chicken tender sliders, stroganoff, pizza, spaghetti
23 and meatballs, nachos, and apple crisps; and

24 WHEREAS, the Marietta High School Culinary Arts Program was of great assistance to the
25 students stranded at the school during inclement weather; and

26 WHEREAS, the Marietta High School Culinary Arts Program is a great opportunity for the
27 students who participate in it and teaches students real-world skills that benefit them well
28 into the future.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
30 the members of this body commend Chef Ginger Pratt and the Marietta High School
31 Culinary Arts Program for feeding students that were stranded during the inclement weather
32 in 2014 and for providing students with an opportunity to acquire real-world experience.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
34 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
35 Marietta High School.