

## Senate Resolution 222

By: Senators Williams of the 25th, Kennedy of the 18th, Hickman of the 4th, Summers of the 13th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Henderson School Alumni Association Trust; and for  
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, on February 11, 2023, college and high school students, EPA staff and  
4 managers, and Butts County community members and school alumni gathered with the  
5 Henderson School Alumni Association Trust (HSAAT) to brainstorm ways to move the  
6 restoration of the former Henderson School forward; and

7 WHEREAS, hailing from schools, organizations, and professions from across the state, the  
8 participants were led through idea-generating exercises that are part of asset-based  
9 community development research; and

10 WHEREAS, opened in 1955 as Henderson High and Elementary School, the property served  
11 as the home of Henderson Junior High School, North Mulberry Elementary School, and  
12 lastly North Mulberry Academy prior to its closing in 2010; and

13 WHEREAS, in December 2022, the HSAAT purchased the property after extensive  
14 fund-raising efforts, which includes two classroom buildings of about 76,000 square feet and  
15 a 13,000-square-foot gymnasium; and

16 WHEREAS, the HSAAT is now working to raise funds to restore the school into Henderson  
17 Academy: Community and Workforce Development Center; and

18 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this  
19 extraordinary association be appropriately honored.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
21 recognize and commend the Henderson School Alumni Association Trust for its efforts to  
22 revitalize and restore this historic property and extend best wishes for its continued growth,  
23 development, and success.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
25 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the Henderson  
26 School Alumni Association Trust.