

## Senate Resolution 352

By: Senators Halpern of the 39th, Parent of the 42nd, Tate of the 38th, Davenport of the 44th, Orrock of the 36th and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Atlanta Public Schools upon its 150th anniversary; 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, Atlanta Public Schools was established in 1872 by an Act of the mayor and city  
5 council and charged with providing free public education to children residing within the City  
6 of Atlanta; and

7 WHEREAS, Atlanta Public Schools held its first classes at Ivy Street School in January  
8 1872, and it has since grown from serving approximately 2,000 students to now serving  
9 52,000 students with 7,000 employees across more than 90 schools and programs in the City  
10 of Atlanta; and

11 WHEREAS, this outstanding school system ensures that students in the City of Atlanta are  
12 provided a safe, caring, and collaborative learning environment that will prepare them for  
13 college, their careers, and their lives; and

14 WHEREAS, Atlanta Public Schools is guided by the principles of equity, ethics,  
15 engagement, and excellence, and through its five measurable methods, it further ensures that  
16 continuous improvements are made to produce better student outcomes; and

17 WHEREAS, throughout its 150-year-long history, Atlanta Public Schools has prepared  
18 students for achievement, scholarship, and service, and its notable alumni include local,  
19 national, and global figures who have made significant contributions to society; and

20 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this  
21 extraordinary school system be appropriately recognized.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
23 commend Atlanta Public Schools upon the grand occasion of its 150th anniversary and  
24 extend best wishes for its continued growth, development, and success.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
26 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the public and the  
27 press.