

Senate Resolution 374

By: Senators Tippins of the 37th, Thompson of the 14th and Shafer of the 48th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Cherokee County School District for being a 2015 Georgia Green Ribbon
2 School District and for its great work in environmental education and sustainability; and for
3 other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, the aim of United States Department of Education Green Ribbon Schools is to
5 inspire schools, districts, and institutions of higher education to strive for 21st century
6 excellence by highlighting exemplary practices and resources that all can employ; and

7 WHEREAS, the Green Ribbon award recognizes schools, districts, and institutions of higher
8 education that reduce environmental impact and costs; improve the health and wellness of
9 schools, students, and staff; and provide environmental education which teaches many
10 disciplines and is especially good at effectively incorporating STEM, civic skills, and green
11 career pathways. The combined achievement in all three of these areas serves as the basis
12 for recognition; and

13 WHEREAS, the Cherokee County School District was one of two Georgia school districts
14 named a Georgia Green Ribbon School for the year 2015; and

15 WHEREAS, the core of the Cherokee County School District's mission statement is "to
16 enable all students to become contributing citizens who can communicate effectively, gather
17 and use information, make responsible decisions, utilize technology effectively, and adapt
18 to the challenges of the future"; and

19 WHEREAS, these district-wide initiatives include efforts to "reduce, reuse, recycle, and
20 rethink," such as reducing waste, including paper, ink, copiers, and energy; and

21 WHEREAS, all Cherokee County School District facilities meet the American Society of
22 Heating, Refrigerating, and Air-Conditioning Engineers standards and use automated energy

23 management facilities, and all facilities have been retrofitted with energy efficient and
24 cost-effective lighting systems and low-flow bathroom fixtures; and

25 WHEREAS, the Campaign's Clean Air Schools programs are available to all Cherokee
26 County School District schools and include programs to promote bus ridership, carpooling
27 to school, and no-idling school zones, and the Cherokee County School District promotes
28 these programs in its schools and community; and

29 WHEREAS, curriculum examples of its commitment to environmental education include the
30 third grade unit on pollution and conservation, the seventh grade unit on ecology, the high
31 school environmental sciences course, and the high school transportation course.

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
33 commend the Cherokee County School District for being a 2015 Georgia Green Ribbon
34 School District and recognize its commitment to inspiring and educating tomorrow's leaders
35 and preserving the natural beauty of this state.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
37 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Cherokee County
38 School District.