

Senate Resolution 764

By: Senators Seay of the 34th and Davenport of the 44th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Clayton County Public Schools for its achievements on behalf of Clayton
2 County and recognizing February 23, 2018, as Clayton County Public Schools Day at the
3 state capitol; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, Clayton County Public Schools (CCPS) is fully accredited through
5 AdvancED-Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Councils on Accreditation and
6 School Improvement as of June 2016; and

7 WHEREAS, CCPS is the fifth largest school system in the State of Georgia and one of the
8 top 100 largest school systems in the nation; and

9 WHEREAS, CCPS offers a world class education grounded in instructional priorities of
10 literacy, numeracy, critical thinking, and technology integration for nearly 55,000 students
11 at 65 learning sites, including various industry-certified Career, Technical, and Agricultural
12 Education (CTAE) pathways, fine arts magnet programs, and dual language academies; and
13 it houses the second middle school in the State of Georgia to be awarded a STEM
14 certification program by the Georgia Department of Education; and

15 WHEREAS, the Clayton County Board of Education unanimously elected Dr. Morcease J.
16 Beasley to serve as superintendent and CEO on May 8, 2017; and

17 WHEREAS, CCPS has become one of the highest performing school systems in the State
18 of Georgia and the nation by establishing five critical areas of focus, including academically
19 challenging and supportive instructional environments; academic and nonacademic support
20 for students; professional development in content, pedagogy, and leadership capacity; family
21 and community engagement and communications; and public relations and marketing; and

22 WHEREAS, the school system has adopted a school improvement framework, known as the
23 Nine Characteristics of High Performing Schools, to establish autonomy and accountability

24 measures for school and district leaders, to achieve coherence, and to more effectively
25 produce district-wide improvements and increases in student achievement outcomes; and

26 WHEREAS, Clayton County Public Schools' current graduation rate is 69.9 percent, with
27 five schools experiencing improvement in 2016-2017; and

28 WHEREAS, the graduation rate for all Career, Technical, and Agricultural Education
29 (CTAE) concentrators is 92.8 percent; and

30 WHEREAS, two CCPS schools were among 142 schools state wide to rank on the 2017
31 Highest Performing Award list by the Governor's Office of Student Achievement by earning
32 a three-year average College and Career Ready Performance Index (CCRPI) achievement
33 score in the 93rd percentile; and

34 WHEREAS, 70 percent of eligible schools outperformed expectations by surpassing their
35 predicted CCRPI scores, which is the second highest percentage among the six largest
36 districts state wide; and

37 WHEREAS, CCPS achieved its largest increase in the district's overall 2016-2017 CCRPI
38 score since CCRPI data was first implemented and outperformed the state-wide growth
39 percentage by 2.3 percentage points; and

40 WHEREAS, the school system has been recognized by the College Board as one of two
41 school systems in the State of Georgia that creates opportunities for traditionally
42 underrepresented students in higher education; and

43 WHEREAS, CCPS has increased stakeholder engagement and community support by
44 expanding communications efforts to involve all facets of the Clayton County community
45 by establishing Superintendent Advisory Groups and holding Critical Conversation meetings;
46 and

47 WHEREAS, the school system continues to create new relationships and rely on established
48 partnerships with local businesses, organizations, and colleges to provide opportunities for
49 all stakeholders to participate in the district's educational process; and

50 WHEREAS, CCPS annually participates in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP)
51 program to offer healthy breakfast and lunch to all students for free, thus garnering the

52 Nutrition Services Department Outstanding Achievement Award from the Georgia
53 Department of Education for providing healthy school meals; and

54 WHEREAS, the CCPS Department of Transportation is recognized as one of the top
55 transportation departments in Georgia in the area of emissions reduction; and

56 WHEREAS, CCPS is recognized as an Asthma-Friendly School System by the Georgia
57 Department of Public Health, and it is the second school system to receive this designation
58 in the State of Georgia; and

59 WHEREAS, the CCPS Department of Business Services is the recipient of the 2017 Annual
60 Achievement of Excellence in Procurement Award; and

61 WHEREAS, CCPS is one of 13 agencies in Georgia and one of only 26 school districts in
62 the United States and Canada to be honored for achievement in best practices.

63 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
64 commend Clayton County Public Schools for its achievements on behalf of the communities
65 it represents and recognize February 23, 2018, as Clayton County Public Schools Day at the
66 state capitol.

67 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
68 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Clayton County
69 Public Schools.