

Senate Resolution 814

By: Senator Anderson of the 43rd

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Dr. Katrina McCollum Young; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Chairwoman Dr. Katrina McCollum Young has served for more than 14 years
3 in public service and leadership to this school system and our community; and
- 4 WHEREAS, in 2019, history was made by this board to nominate and unanimously select
5 Dr. Young as the board chair, as she is the first black person to serve as chair in the 125 year
6 history of the board. During her tenure on this board, she has served on several committees
7 including the Big Six Intergovernmental, Chamber Board of Governors, Conyers Rockdale
8 Economic Development Council, Strategic Planning, Finance, and Board Ethics and
9 Standards Policy Review; and
- 10 WHEREAS, Dr. Young has served more than ten years on the Georgia School Boards
11 Association, which represents the collective resolve for Georgia's 180 boards of education.
12 She was nominated and selected as 2018-2019 president, and most notably, Dr. Young made
13 history as the first black woman to lead the Georgia School Boards Association; and
- 14 WHEREAS, her service as president-elect, vice president, and district director 4,
15 representing Rockdale, Newton, DeKalb and Decatur City School Systems, is an additional
16 testament to her commitment to her community; and
- 17 WHEREAS, she has served on several committees including the Strategic Planning
18 Executive Committee and New Board Member Mentor. She was appointed as a trustee to the
19 Georgia School Boards Association's Risk Management Fund and has had the pleasure to
20 travel to Lloyd's of London in England and represent on behalf of the Risk Management
21 Fund; and
- 22 WHEREAS, Dr. Young received two Gubernatorial executive appointments to Governor
23 Deal's 2015 Education Advisory Committee and to the 2017 Georgia Professional Standards

24 Commission, which sets and applies guidelines for the preparation, certification, and
25 continued licensing of public educators. In 2019, she was nominated and selected
26 unanimously by her peers to serve as vice president of the Georgia Professional Standards
27 Commission and is the only black woman to hold such distinction; and

28 WHEREAS, Dr. Young's service and leadership extend to the National School Boards
29 Association. In 2019, she was one of ten individuals in the entire nation appointed by the
30 president to the Governance Review Committee tasked with ensuring equity and excellence
31 in public education through school board governance. She is a presidential appointee to the
32 National Nominating and Policy & Resolution Committees. In 2019, she was elected to serve
33 on NSBA's National Black Council of School Board Members as Southern Region District
34 Director, representing 12 states from Texas to Tennessee. Since 2009, she has been a part of
35 the Federal Relations Network to meet personally with our United States senators and
36 representatives, advocating on behalf of children and public education; and

37 WHEREAS, Dr. Young's commitment, leadership, and dedication to public service is
38 exemplary, and she has served faithfully and dutifully on behalf of children and public
39 education locally, state wide, and nationwide.

40 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
41 recognize and commend Dr. Katrina McCollum Young for her dedication to children and
42 public education in this state and nationwide.

43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
44 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Dr. Katrina
45 McCollum Young.