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Senator Williams

Cosponsors: Senators Patton, Skindell, Yuko

A RESOLUTION

Honoring Eric Gordon on being named the 2016 Urban Educator of the Year.

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 131st General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to applaud Eric Gordon on being presented with the 2016 Urban Educator of the Year Award by the Council of the Great City Schools; and

WHEREAS, This distinguished honor is a fitting tribute to Eric Gordon in recognition of the outstanding efforts that he has displayed as the chief executive officer of the Cleveland Metropolitan School District since 2011. In this role, he has been instrumental in the implementation of The Plan for Transforming Cleveland's Schools, which has led to an increase in graduation rates, family involvement in the schools, and enrollment, and he has been tireless in his endeavors to ensure that his students receive the best education possible. Previously serving in such roles as a math teacher in New Orleans, a high school principal and head of academic programs for grades six through twelve in the Olentangy Local School District, and chief academic officer of CMSD, he has brought vision and wisdom to his important work. Indeed, he is certainly deserving of high praise; and

WHEREAS, Motivated by a deep concern for young people, Eric Gordon is to be commended for his exceptional efforts. He has encouraged many young people to take the initiative in developing their scholastic abilities and has instilled within them an appreciation of the importance of education that will benefit them throughout their lives; and

WHEREAS, Eric Gordon's unstinting contributions of time,

talent, and seemingly inexhaustible energy to students and 26
teachers alike have gained him the appreciation and esteem of 27
everyone with whom he has been associated. As he reflects on his 28
many accomplishments, he can take great satisfaction in knowing 29
that he has become an inspiration to many; therefore be it 30

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 131st 31
General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, 32
congratulate Eric Gordon on receiving the 2016 Urban Educator of 33
the Year Award and salute him as one of Ohio's finest educational 34
administrators; and be it further 35

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit a duly 36
authenticated copy of this Resolution to Eric Gordon. 37