

Senate Resolution 684

By: Senator Burton of the 5th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Briarlake Elementary School as the Georgia Elementary
- 2 School of Excellence for the Year 2002 from the 4th Congressional District; and for other
- 3 purposes.
- 4 WHEREAS, the Georgia Department of Education named Briarlake Elementary School in
- 5 DeKalb County as the Georgia Elementary School of Excellence for the Year 2002 from the
- 6 4th Congressional District; and
- 7 WHEREAS, the Georgia Schools of Excellence program is part of the National Schools
- 8 Recognition Program sponsored by the US Department of Education to recognize the
- 9 exceptional public schools in each of Georgia's 11 congressional districts; and
- 10 WHEREAS, nomination and final selection focuses on several vital areas: student focus and
- 11 support; school organization and culture; challenging standards and curriculum; active
- 12 teaching and learning; professional community; leadership and educational vitality; school,
- 13 family, and community partnerships; and indicators of success; and
- 14 WHEREAS, Briarlake Elementary School has excelled since it was founded in 1957, and it
- 15 is known for its strong parental involvement, having 100 percent PTA membership for the
- 16 last five years; high student achievement test scores in the top quartile nationally; and
- 17 innovative and resourceful teachers committed to enrichment programs for all student levels;
- 18 and
- 19 WHEREAS, Briarlake pioneered the concept of mainstreaming students with hearing
- 20 impairments providing interpreter support more than a decade ago, and the school serves as
- 21 a model for other school districts across the nation.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
2 commend the students, teachers, and administrators of this very distinguished public school
3 and commend Briarlake Elementary as a School of Excellence.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
5 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the school principal.