

Senate Resolution 685

By: Senator Burton of the 5th

### A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Oak Grove Elementary School as a National Blue Ribbon  
2 School of Excellence; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Oak Grove Elementary School in DeKalb County was named a National Blue  
4 Ribbon School of Excellence by the US Department of Education, a distinction that reflects  
5 tremendous credit and honor on the teachers, students, parents, and administrators; and

6 WHEREAS, this prestigious education award recognizes the high quality of instruction and  
7 professionalism of this school's dedicated classroom teachers and the ability, motivation, and  
8 deep commitment of its students to become lifelong learners and community leaders; and

9 WHEREAS, Oak Grove Elementary School is in the 4th congressional district of Georgia  
10 and the student achievement test scores are consistently among the highest in DeKalb; and

11 WHEREAS, Principal John U. Tippens III has been recognized as National Distinguished  
12 Principal for his leadership encouraging students and supporting innovative teachers; and

13 WHEREAS, the accomplishments of the students, teachers, and administrators of this  
14 outstanding elementary school merit special recognition and praise.

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
16 recognize and commend Oak Grove Elementary School on being named a National Blue  
17 Ribbon School of Excellence and convey hearty congratulations on this prestigious award  
18 and best wishes for continued success.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
20 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Principal Tippens.