

Senate Resolution 386

By: Senator Haines of the 46<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending Clarke County Middle School; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Clarke County Middle School has recently received the School of Excellence  
3 Award, one of 26 schools in the state to receive such an award; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Clarke County Middle School students are the children of small and large  
5 business owners, facility workers, artisans and artists, university educated professionals, and  
6 many others, including those trying to find their place in the economy; and
- 7 WHEREAS, 52 percent of the students are African American, 37 percent are white, 11  
8 percent are Asian, Hispanic, and other minorities; 25 percent have been identified for gifted  
9 services; 24 percent qualify for special education; and 53 percent qualify for free or reduced  
10 lunches; and
- 11 WHEREAS, Clarke County Middle School has established a community connecting all  
12 stakeholders, including students, staff, parents, and members of the community, for the  
13 purpose of addressing the needs of their diverse student body; and
- 14 WHEREAS, the school and the community have collaborated to develop an individually  
15 tailored, rigorous academic program for every student, creating a nurturing, safe, and  
16 welcoming environment for children and adults, and encouraging all students to understand  
17 the connection between their learning and their lives; and
- 18 WHEREAS, over the past 16 years, standardized test scores have risen dramatically and  
19 consistently and students have been highly successful in academic competitions, such as  
20 MathCounts, the Georgia Math League, and Future Problem Solving; and

1 WHEREAS, the school has developed programs such as "Bully-Proofing" and "The Student  
2 Responsibility Program" that have reduced student disciplinary suspension days by nearly  
3 90 percent and have received state-wide recognition; and

4 WHEREAS, the administrators and teachers of Clarke County Middle School have  
5 demonstrated outstanding dedication and ability in maintaining an excellent educational  
6 program and they represent the best of what public schools have to offer; and

7 WHEREAS, the parents and members of the community have provided exceptional guidance  
8 and encouragement to students, and the students have responded very positively to the  
9 outstanding educational program and support available to them.

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the administrators,  
11 teachers, students, parents, and community supporters of Clarke County Middle School are  
12 commended for providing one of the most outstanding public education programs in the state  
13 and nation and especially for receiving the School of Excellence Award.

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of State is authorized and directed to  
15 transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Ken Sherman, Principal of Clarke  
16 County Middle School.