

## House Resolution 482

By: Representatives Stephens of the 161<sup>st</sup>, Gordon of the 162<sup>nd</sup>, Bryant of the 160<sup>th</sup>, Day of the 163<sup>rd</sup>, Stephens of the 164<sup>th</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Parent University; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, studies show that when parents are involved in their child's education, the  
3 student has higher achievement regardless of the family's socioeconomic status, ethnic  
4 background, or parents' education level; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Parent University is a community collaborative in Savannah-Chatham County  
6 that supports families by encouraging parent involvement and participation in their children's  
7 education; and
- 8 WHEREAS, established in 2000 in collaboration with Savannah-Chatham County Public  
9 Schools, Parent University is a community based volunteer and nonprofit organization with  
10 the goal of forming a bridge between the community and schools; and
- 11 WHEREAS, objectives of Parent University include training parents to work with schools  
12 to create paths for student achievement and providing parents with the necessary support,  
13 guidance, and nurturing to ensure success for the entire family; and
- 14 WHEREAS, schools with active and involved parents who are committed to their children's  
15 education also have high teacher morale and hold a place of esteem with the surrounding  
16 community; and
- 17 WHEREAS, Parent University offers three Saturday sessions and satellite sessions  
18 throughout the year dedicated to keeping parents and teachers abreast of new and innovative  
19 ways of teaching and learning; and
- 20 WHEREAS, with course topics like how to help children develop better reading skills, how  
21 to handle emotions, how to deal with grief, how to prepare children for standardized tests,  
22 and how to talk with kids about the importance of abstinence, Parent University is helping

23 to create more successful students who will be prepared for life beyond the classroom  
24 emotionally, socially, and academically; and

25 WHEREAS, the great success of Parent University cannot be attributed only to the many  
26 families dedicated to providing their children with the best education, but also to the teachers  
27 and staff who volunteer their time to the program and the Savannah-Chatham County school  
28 board members who support the goals and objectives of Parent University.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
30 the members of this body commend the great work and achievements of Parent University,  
31 the volunteer teachers and staff, the graduating families, and the Savannah-Chatham County  
32 Public School System for uplifting Georgia students and promising them a bright future.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
34 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the executive director of  
35 Parent University, Michael O'Neal.