

## House Resolution 1615

By: Representative Waites of the 60<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Forest Park Teen Council and inviting its members to be recognized by the  
2 House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Forest Park Teen Council is an organization that promotes interest in  
4 activities and fellowship, develops leadership, and provides opportunities for members to  
5 become better acquainted, discuss problems, share ideas and skills, work along with city  
6 leaders, plan city activities, and share city responsibilities; and

7 WHEREAS, the Forest Park Teen Council was officially formed in 2008 by Mayor Pro  
8 Tempore Sparkle K. Adams with a group of students from Forest Park and began to thrive  
9 in 2009; and

10 WHEREAS, in January of 2010, students from Forest Park Middle School, Babb Middle  
11 School, Forest Park High School, and Forest Park Street School were referred to Mayor Pro  
12 Tempore Adams to run for such offices as Teen Mayor, Councilperson, Finance Director,  
13 and City Attorney; and

14 WHEREAS, the student body elected 47 students to serve in these capacities during an  
15 election in February of 2010, and the teen council began holding meetings on the second  
16 Tuesday of every month, which eventually increased to the second and fourth Tuesdays of  
17 each month; and

18 WHEREAS, the Forest Park Teen Council participated in the annual Keep Forest Park  
19 Beautiful Clean Up in 2009, 2010, and 2011, assisted in planting the city's first community  
20 garden in 2010, and were recognized at the Black History Month Celebration, "Rising on the  
21 Southside," in 2011; and

22 WHEREAS, active in the community, the Forest Park Teen Council participated in the  
23 Clayton County Board of Health's Teen Summit, completed and graduated from the Forest

24 Park Police Department's cadet program, attended Neighborhood Watch and Forest Park City  
25 Council meetings, conducted a mock trial focusing on bullying with Judge Allison Pitts, and  
26 assisted with the 5K Fun Run and the Forest Park Kiwanis Club during its semiannual  
27 pancake breakfast; and

28 WHEREAS, the Forest Park Teen Council members support and encourage each other to  
29 participate in personal growth opportunities, such as career focus workshops, communicating  
30 orally and in writing seminars, and other educational opportunities; and

31 WHEREAS, through its many initiatives, the Forest Park Teen Council has distinctively  
32 served the community and its young citizens.

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
34 the members of this body commend the efforts of the members of the Forest Park Teen  
35 Council to make their community a better place to live and invite them to be recognized by  
36 the House of Representatives at a date and time designated by the Speaker of the House of  
37 Representatives.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
39 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Forest Park Teen  
40 Council.