

## House Resolution 1726

By: Representatives Jordan of the 77<sup>th</sup>, Davis of the 109<sup>th</sup>, Welch of the 110<sup>th</sup>, and Scott of the 76<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Henry County Middle School's art classes; and for other  
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, in 2010, Mrs. Melissa Wood, an art teacher at Henry County Middle School,  
4 decided to experiment with projects that would use recycled materials and stretch a  
5 decreasing school budget; and

6 WHEREAS, the project began during a summer youth camp funded by the City of  
7 McDonough and continued in Mrs. Wood's classroom during the school year; and

8 WHEREAS, among the work, the students created "Obama's Hope Can Collage," a Black  
9 History Month piece that has captured attention both locally and on a broader stage; and

10 WHEREAS, encouraged by City Councilmember Gail Notti, Mrs. Wood and principal Dr.  
11 Kimberly Anderson applied for a Recycle Bank grant and were awarded \$2,668.32 to  
12 promote recycling in the community, increase funding in the classroom for recycled projects,  
13 and, most importantly, instill school and community pride by displaying the student art  
14 works; and

15 WHEREAS, on February 17, 2012, the "Obama's Hope Can Collage" was exhibited in the  
16 rotunda of the state capitol along with four other recycled works of art; and

17 WHEREAS, Mrs. Wood, other school personnel, and 80 students will travel to Washington,  
18 D.C., during a fine arts field trip in May and hope to present the "Obama's Hope Can  
19 Collage" at the White House.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
21 the members of this body commend Mrs. Melissa Wood and her students for their  
22 resourcefulness, creativity, and efforts to promote and encourage recycling in Georgia.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
24 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Henry County Middle  
25 School.