

House Resolution 1751

By: Representative Waites of the 60th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Forest Park Teen Council; and for other purposes.

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

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

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

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

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

21 WHEREAS, active in the community, the Forest Park Teen Council participated in the
22 Clayton County Board of Health's Teen Summit, completed and graduated from the Forest
23 Park Police Department's cadet program, attended Neighborhood Watch and Forest Park City

24 Council meetings, conducted a mock trial focusing on bullying with Judge Allison Pitts, and
25 assisted with the 5K Fun Run and the Forest Park Kiwanis Club during its semiannual
26 pancake breakfast; and

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

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

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
33 the members of this body commend the efforts of the members of the Forest Park Teen
34 Council to make their community a better place to live.

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