

Senate Resolution 161

By: Senators Henson of the 41st, Tate of the 38th, Seay of the 34th, Thompson of the 5th, Butler of the 55th and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Black Star Educational Institute; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Black Star Educational Institute (BSEI) is an accredited, nonsectarian, private
3 independent school located in Southwest Atlanta that serves the K-12 student population; and
- 4 WHEREAS, BSEI fuses academic excellence, culture, character development,
5 entrepreneurship, and life preparedness skills to properly prime the mind, body, and spirit of
6 each child in today's highly competitive global society; and
- 7 WHEREAS, BSEI utilizes the unique gifts of each student and couples these talents to
8 surpass the very best national and international curricula in order to enhance their classroom
9 and education experience; and
- 10 WHEREAS, BSEI harnesses the innate wonder of traditional African culture to refine social
11 functioning, enhance discipline, and improve culture identity for all students; and
- 12 WHEREAS, May 18, 2012, marked the celebration of the first graduating class of high
13 school seniors from Black Star Educational Institute; and
- 14 WHEREAS, the pioneering students graduating from the 2012 BSEI class are Ms. Akanke
15 McKinsey and Ms. Candace Layne; and
- 16 WHEREAS, Ms. McKinsey is the founder and first head coach of the Black Star Step Team
17 and Ms. Layne regularly taught art classes for younger students at BSEI; and
- 18 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this fine educational institution be
19 appropriately recognized.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
21 commend Black Star Educational Institute for its outstanding dedication and commitment
22 to excellence in education and congratulate Ms. Akanke McKinsey and Ms. Candace Layne
23 for being the first graduating class of high school seniors.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
25 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Black State Educational Institute, Ms.
26 Akanke McKinsey, and Ms. Candace Layne.