

Senate Resolution 621

By: Senator Hill of the 32nd

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Chick-fil-A Foundation; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, in the United States, 1.2 million high school students drop out of school each  
3 year, which equals one student every 26 seconds; only 49 percent of Atlanta high school  
4 students graduate, and Georgia high school dropouts are two times more likely to become  
5 unemployed and three times more likely to live in poverty; and

6 WHEREAS, with an increasingly competitive job market and myriad social distractions,  
7 inspiring hope and cultivating success in our youth is not an easy task; and

8 WHEREAS, since 1946, Chick-fil-A, Inc., has supported youth and education through local  
9 and national community efforts; having already donated more than \$26 million in  
10 scholarships, the company has established a strong history of giving guided by the vision of  
11 its founder, S. Truett Cathy; and

12 WHEREAS, inspired by Mr. Cathy's unwavering dedication to investing in young people  
13 through education, the Cathy family created the Chick-fil-A Foundation to honor their father  
14 on his 90th birthday in March, 2011; thanks to his legacy of giving, its mission is to serve the  
15 communities we call home by developing and educating young people so that they can build  
16 a positive legacy and become all they were created to be; and

17 WHEREAS, led by executive director Rodney Bullard, the Chick-fil-A Foundation is the  
18 company's way of giving back to the communities in which it operates; and

19 WHEREAS, Junior Achievement's Chick-fil-A Foundation Discovery Center is the  
20 Foundation's first capital commitment; its \$5.1 million commitment supports the preplanning  
21 and lease expense of the Discovery Center, providing for the creation of a cutting-edge  
22 facility with interactive technology designed to enhance students' financial literacy and help  
23 them build skills for personal and professional success; and

24 WHEREAS, in partnership with Atlanta Public Schools, DeKalb County Schools, and Fulton  
25 County Schools, the Discovery Center will serve more than 30,000 middle school students  
26 annually; and

27 WHEREAS, the Foundation also provides service opportunities and supports programs in  
28 Atlanta's Vine City, English Avenue, and West End communities, including a summer sports  
29 camp hosted by the Fellowship of Christian Athletes; and

30 WHEREAS, through volunteering, teaching, and mentoring, the Chick-fil-A Foundation will  
31 open doors to new opportunities, improve financial literacy among metro Atlanta youth, and  
32 develop future leaders in the community.

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
34 recognize the Chick-fil-A Foundation as a vital asset in the State of Georgia, commend them  
35 on positively empowering youth, and extend their sincere best wishes for future success.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
37 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Chick-fil-A Foundation.