

House Resolution 1760

By: Representatives Wilkerson of the 38th, Sharper of the 177th, Smith of the 41st, Evans of the 42nd, Jones of the 53rd, and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending and recognizing Laura Shyman; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Laura Shyman has received the 2014 Georgia Parent Leadership Award for her
3 work with Tapp Middle School in Powder Springs, Georgia; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Laura has made it her mission to ensure that all Tapp Middle School students,
5 including those with disabilities, have adequate resources and opportunities to excel in
6 academics; and
- 7 WHEREAS, a firm believer in parent engagement, she works tirelessly to educate parents
8 on ways to advocate for their children; and
- 9 WHEREAS, Laura has been instrumental in coordinating parent volunteers to support Tapp
10 Middle School's Renaissance Academic program, which resulted in the school recognizing
11 over 2,000 students for their academic and behavioral success over the previous two years;
12 and
- 13 WHEREAS, she has made it her self-imposed mission to improve and promote student
14 achievement and has spearheaded a multitude of programs to further that cause; and
- 15 WHEREAS, one program in particular, Tapp Mentors, enabled sixth graders to receive
16 community service volunteer hours for mentoring fifth graders; this resulted in fifth graders
17 making academic gains and strengthened the sixth graders' leadership skills; and
- 18 WHEREAS, Laura received a special recognition from the mayor of Powder Springs for her
19 exceptional work as PTSA co-president and was honored as the recipient of a Georgia PTA
20 Lifetime Achievement Award; and

21 WHEREAS, she is a true leader who continuously seeks new ways to ensure that all parents
22 have an opportunity to be involved in their child's education, and she has made exceptional
23 contributions to the students, staff, and families of Tapp Middle School and will continue to
24 cultivate an environment where parent engagement can thrive.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
26 the members of this body commend and recognize Laura Shyman for her contributions to the
27 students, faculty, and families of Tapp Middle School and congratulate her on receiving the
28 2014 Georgia Parent Leadership Award.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
30 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Laura Shyman.