

House Resolution 137

By: Representatives Henson of the 86th, Mitchell of the 88th, Williams of the 87th, Holcomb of the 81st, Kendrick of the 93rd, and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending Tucker Middle School; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Tucker Middle School in the DeKalb County School District is the first middle
3 school in the State of Georgia to earn STEM certification; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Tucker Middle School's Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics
5 (STEM) program was certified in November, 2014, by the Georgia Department of Education,
6 setting up the school to serve as a model for hundreds of other schools statewide attempting
7 to win STEM certification. Tucker Middle School becomes the fourth school in DeKalb
8 County - and eleventh overall statewide for all school levels - to earn the STEM designation,
9 which refers to success in integrating science, technology, engineering, and mathematics in
10 all subjects; and
- 11 WHEREAS, after three years of dedication, hard work, and perseverance, the school has
12 achieved this milestone with the guidance of Kathy Cunningham, principal of Tucker Middle
13 School, and Stephen Csukas, Tucker Middle School's STEM coordinator; and
- 14 WHEREAS, currently, 162 students at Tucker Middle benefit from a STEM curriculum that
15 involves 150 minutes a day of specialized instruction, an interdisciplinary approach to
16 learning, and real-world opportunities to apply their skills with the program's corporate and
17 public sector partners; and
- 18 WHEREAS, with Tucker's diverse student population, combined with a majority of female
19 students in the STEM program, Cunningham and Csukas hope to prepare more females and
20 minorities for educational advancement and careers in science, technology, engineering, and
21 math and give them the educational foundation and the confidence to know that they can
22 succeed.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
24 the members of this body commend Tucker Middle School for achieving STEM certification.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
26 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to
27 representatives of Tucker Middle School.