

House Resolution 144

By: Representatives Drenner of the 85th, Setzler of the 35th, Kaiser of the 59th, Coleman of the 97th, Henson of the 86th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing February 5, 2015, as High Performance Healthy Schools Day at the capitol; and
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, a healthy and safe environment is important for schoolchildren and school staff;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, the protection of the indoor and outdoor environment where schoolchildren live,
6 learn, and play is a critical component of a child's education; and

7 WHEREAS, children, on average, spend approximately 30-50 hours per week in school; and

8 WHEREAS, children are more vulnerable to environmental hazards; they proportionally
9 breathe more air, drink more fluids, and eat more food than adults, and their developing
10 systems and behaviors contribute to their increased vulnerability; and

11 WHEREAS, new or renovated healthy and high performance schools designed to improve
12 indoor air and environmental quality can also reduce energy and maintenance costs and thus
13 provide a healthier and safer learning environment for all children through cleaner air,
14 improved lighting, and reduced exposure to toxic substances, leading to improved
15 attendance, academic achievement, and well-being; and

16 WHEREAS, our schools are the building blocks of our communities, our children, and our
17 future; and

18 WHEREAS, federal, state, local, and private sector entities should work together to ensure
19 that resources are used effectively and efficiently to address environmental health and safety
20 conditions of schools and to highlight the need for improved attention and protection of
21 children's environmental health at school; and

22 WHEREAS, the Georgia Chapter of the United States Green Building Council has a program
23 to recognize schools for their contributions to a healthy environment, including the Green
24 Apple Day of Service, the Green Your Schools Competition, and the High Performance
25 Healthy Schools Toolbox.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
27 the members of this body commend the efforts of the United States Green Building Council
28 Georgia Chapter in making schools everywhere healthier for students and teachers and
29 recognize February 5, 2015, as High Performance Healthy Schools Day at the capitol.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
31 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
32 Georgia Chapter of the United States Green Building Council.