

Senate Resolution 133

By: Senators Henson of the 41st, Parent of the 42nd, Tate of the 38th, Butler of the 55th, Seay of the 34th 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 school in the State of Georgia to earn STEM certification; and
- 3 WHEREAS, Tucker Middle School's Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) program was certified in November, 2014, by the Georgia Department of Education, setting up the school to serve as a model for hundreds of other schools statewide attempting to win STEM certification. Tucker Middle School becomes the fourth school in DeKalb County - and eleventh overall statewide for all school levels - to earn the STEM designation, which refers to success in integrating science, technology, engineering, and mathematics in all subjects; and
- 4 WHEREAS, after three years of dedication, hard work, and perseverance, the school has achieved this milestone with the guidance of Kathy Cunningham, principal of Tucker Middle School, and Stephen Csukas, Tucker Middle School's STEM coordinator; and
- 5 WHEREAS, currently, 162 students at Tucker Middle benefit from a STEM curriculum that involves 150 minutes a day of specialized instruction, an interdisciplinary approach to learning, and real-world opportunities to apply their skills with the program's corporate and public sector partners; and
- 6 WHEREAS, with Tucker's diverse student population, combined with a majority of female students in the STEM program, Cunningham and Csukas hope to prepare more females and minorities for educational advancement and careers in science, technology, engineering, and math and give them the educational foundation and the confidence to know that they can succeed.

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

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