

Senate Resolution 375

By: Senators Tippins of the 37th, Martin of the 9th and Thompson of the 14th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Arcado Elementary School for being a 2014 National and Georgia Green
2 Ribbon School and for its great work in environmental education and sustainability; and for
3 other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, the aim of United States Department of Education Green Ribbon Schools is to
5 inspire schools, districts, and institutions of higher education to strive for 21st century
6 excellence by highlighting exemplary practices and resources that all can employ; and

7 WHEREAS, the Green Ribbon award recognizes schools, districts, and institutions of higher
8 education that reduce environmental impact and costs; improve the health and wellness of
9 schools, students, and staff; and provide environmental education which teaches many
10 disciplines and is especially skilled at effectively incorporating STEM, civic skills, and green
11 career pathways. The combined achievement in all three of these areas serves as the basis
12 for recognition; and

13 WHEREAS, Arcado Elementary School was one of two Georgia schools named a National
14 and Georgia Green Ribbon School for the year 2014; and

15 WHEREAS, Arcado Elementary School's philosophy on environmental education has
16 followed Mother Teresa's "No great deed, but small deeds with great love" philosophy, and
17 the school's environmental education committee has worked closely with students, teachers,
18 and the Parent Teacher Association since its inception in the early 1990s, proving the
19 program's sustainability and viability; and

20 WHEREAS, each year the number of applicants for the school's Green Team at the fourth
21 grade level continues to grow; and, in the 2013-14 school year, 70 fourth graders completed
22 applications for 25 positions on the school's coveted Green Team; and

23 WHEREAS, planting the seeds of environmental protection and care ensures the future of
24 the community through the numerous "small tasks" completed by the school's Green Team
25 each week that include recycling classroom paper, cardboard, aluminum cans, plastic bottles,
26 ink jet cartridges, plastic six-pack rings, cell phones, laptops, and tablets.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
28 commend Arcado Elementary School for being a 2014 National and Georgia Green Ribbon
29 School and recognize its commitment to inspiring and educating tomorrow's leaders and
30 preserving the natural beauty of this nation.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
32 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Arcado
33 Elementary School.