

Senate Resolution 377

By: Senators Tippins of the 37th, Albers of the 56th, Thompson of the 14th and Shafer of the 48th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending High Meadows School for being a 2014 National and Georgia Green Ribbon
2 School and for its great work in environmental education and sustainability; and for other
3 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, High Meadows School was one of two Georgia schools named a National and
14 Georgia Green Ribbon School for the year 2014; and

15 WHEREAS, High Meadows School is a private, nonprofit, co-educational, independent, and
16 nonsectarian day school for students in preschool through eighth grade; established in 1973
17 and located on 42 wooded acres in Roswell, Georgia, High Meadows School's innovative,
18 inquiry-based, integrated curriculum emphasizes love of learning, creativity, meaningful
19 connections, and environmental responsibility; and

20 WHEREAS, environmental sustainability is more than just a fancy term at High Meadows;
21 it is a way of life, and Middle Years students study the earth and its ecosystems in even
22 greater depth, including examination of environmental issues and evaluation of potential
23 solutions and plans for action; and

24 WHEREAS, since its earliest days, the school has been committed to the health of the
25 environment, and today, respect for the natural environment pervades every element of High
26 Meadows, including curricular education, extracurricular activities, and a commitment to
27 build and operate according to the highest environmental standards.

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

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