

## House Resolution 680

By: Representatives Stovall of the 74<sup>th</sup>, Waites of the 60<sup>th</sup>, Scott of the 76<sup>th</sup>, Jordan of the 77<sup>th</sup>, Mabra of the 63<sup>rd</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Valerie Larkin; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Valerie Larkin is the Parent Liaison for Forest Park High School and a parent  
3 and student advocate; for the past four years, Valerie has served parents at Forest Park High  
4 School, providing them with resources and opportunities to help their children achieve  
5 academic success; and

6 WHEREAS, she has empowered parents by facilitating parent workshops and identifying  
7 how they can be part of the decision making process through the local school council and  
8 monthly Parent Involvement Leadership meeting; and

9 WHEREAS, Valerie developed the Parent Involvement Leadership Team to provide volume  
10 to the voices of parents as it relates to their concerns and views concerning their children and  
11 their children's school and education; and

12 WHEREAS, she encourages local businesses and organizations to become community  
13 partners with Forest Park High School in order to enrich the educational process of students;  
14 and

15 WHEREAS, Valerie holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Beulah Heights University in  
16 Leadership/Administration; she is currently a counseling student at Argosy University and  
17 a clinical intern at Rainbow House, Inc.; she will complete her program of study in June,  
18 2015, and aspires to serve as a counselor; and

19 WHEREAS, Valerie aims to discover how social issues impede the educational process and  
20 its solutions and to speak to audiences all over the nation as it relates to how these social  
21 issues affect education; and

22 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that her outstanding accomplishments be  
23 appropriately recognized.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
25 the members of this body commend Valerie Larkin for her dedication to parents and students  
26 at Forest Park High School.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
28 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to  
29 Valerie Larkin.