

House Resolution 753

By: Representatives Quick of the 117th, Frye of the 118th, Williams of the 119th, Coleman of the 97th, Kaiser of the 59th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Dr. Philip D. Lanoue for his outstanding leadership in the role of Clarke
2 County School District Superintendent and recognizing him as the National Superintendent
3 of the Year; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, Clarke County School District Superintendent Dr. Philip D. Lanoue has long
5 been recognized by the citizens of this state for the vital role that he has played in the
6 teaching profession and his deep personal commitment to the education of the students of
7 Georgia; and

8 WHEREAS, Dr. Lanoue has been named the 2015 National Superintendent of the Year by
9 the American Association of School Administrators; and

10 WHEREAS, he was selected for high achievement in leadership for learning,
11 communication, professionalism, and community involvement; and

12 WHEREAS, he received his Doctor of Philosophy in Educational Leadership from Mercer
13 University and his Master of Education in Administration and Planning from the University
14 of Vermont; and

15 WHEREAS, he began his career in education in Massachusetts and Vermont by serving as
16 principal for 18 years in four different high schools; and

17 WHEREAS, in 2009 Dr. Lanoue became Superintendent of the Clarke County School
18 District, and under his Non-Negotiable Practices for High School Student Performance,
19 Clarke County saw its graduation rate increase 7.5 percent by 2011, and the Athens-Clarke
20 County Police Chief Joseph Lumpkin reported that this has had a positive impact on arrest
21 records of 18-21 year olds as it dropped 25.4 percent between 2009 and 2013; and

22 WHEREAS, Dr. Lanoue's belief that all students can succeed is exemplified in his practice
23 of successful risk taking; and in the spring of 2014, when 235 8th graders took the Physical
24 Science section of the EOCT with no prerequisites, 229 passed and 195 scored at 90 percent
25 or higher; and

26 WHEREAS, he recommended to the board that the Clarke County School District
27 incorporate an International Baccalaureate Middle Years program to increase rigor and
28 critical thinking; in 2014 all Clarke County Middle Schools became Authorized IB Middle
29 Years Program Schools and the district is currently working to establish an IB Diploma
30 Program for 11th and 12th graders; and

31 WHEREAS, Dr. Lanoue has played a vital role in innovative partnerships such as the Athens
32 Community Career Academy, which is a Clarke County Charter Program that allows juniors
33 and seniors in high school to gain postsecondary credit in their career pathway and even earn
34 an associate's degree while still in high school at no cost to the student, and forming one of
35 the nation's only Professional Development School Districts in which the Clarke County
36 School District partners with the University of Georgia and has four different models of
37 involvement, including one where professors spend half their time teaching at a Clarke
38 County school; and

39 WHEREAS, he has witnessed Clarke County School District embrace the Digital Learning
40 Initiative in which a partnership between Clarke County School District, the Georgia
41 Department of Education, and the University of Georgia was formed to develop a model
42 technology school at Barrow Elementary School and to implement the best technological
43 practices throughout the district; and

44 WHEREAS, his partnership with the University of Georgia includes developing a
45 three-tiered teacher evaluation plan to ensure that the students of the Clarke County School
46 District have a first-class faculty; and

47 WHEREAS, his office has improved efficiency by using district-wide zero based budgeting
48 and targeting cuts to less effective programs; and

49 WHEREAS, under Dr. Lanoue's leadership, 372.5 dual enrollment credits were earned in
50 2014, giving students a jump-start on their career pathway, an increase from only 84 earned
51 in 2012; and

52 WHEREAS, the Center for Digital Education named Dr. Lanoue one of the Top 50
53 Technological Innovators in Education; and

54 WHEREAS, in 2011 Clarke County achieved Title I Distinguished District for being
55 Georgia's top large district for closing the achievement gap between economically
56 advantaged and disadvantaged students; and

57 WHEREAS, he is an adjunct professor at the University of Georgia in the Educational
58 Administration and Policy program in the Department of Lifelong Education,
59 Administration, and Policy; and

60 WHEREAS, he also served on the advisory board for the Principal's Center at the Harvard
61 Graduate School of Education; and

62 WHEREAS, Dr. Lanoue, a current resident of Athens, Georgia, is the beloved husband of
63 Vickie Lanoue and the proud father of two daughters, Jamie and Joslyn; and

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65 WHEREAS, as Superintendent of the Clarke County School District, Dr. Philip Lanoue
66 clearly identifies and articulates instructional priorities, has developed a genuine culture of
67 high expectations, and has set the standard belief that all students can succeed; the State of
68 Georgia looks with great anticipation toward the continued success of this promising citizen.

69 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
70 the members of this body heartily and gratefully commend Dr. Philip D. Lanoue for his
71 sacrifice, foresight, accomplishment, and contributions on behalf of education in Georgia and
72 for the positive influence he has had upon the lives and futures of countless young people in
73 this state and recognize him as the National Superintendent of the Year.

74 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
75 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Dr.
76 Philip D. Lanoue.