

Senate Resolution 816

By: Senators Beach of the 21st, Hill of the 6th, James of the 35th, Tate of the 38th, Hill of the 32nd and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Fulton County Charter School System on being named the 2015 Charter
2 System of the Year; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Fulton County Charter School System was named the Charter System of the
4 Year at the First Annual Charter System Foundation Award luncheon for being an example
5 of the success that can come from having a charter system; and

6 WHEREAS, Fulton County School System had eight schools among the top 25 highest
7 scoring high schools in Georgia on the SAT for 2015; and

8 WHEREAS, Fulton County School System's graduation rate increased to 85.3 percent for
9 2015, which was the highest graduation rate in the metro Atlanta area; and

10 WHEREAS, Fulton County Charter School System is the largest of the 33 charter systems
11 throughout the State of Georgia which aim to bring innovation and individualization to the
12 public school system; and

13 WHEREAS, Fulton County Charter School System has found success by using a Strategic
14 Staffing Program which provides financial incentives to put the most effective teachers in
15 hard to staff, high-needs schools; and

16 WHEREAS, Fulton County Charter School System has used innovations such as a Digital
17 Arts Program which infuses digital media arts and design for all K-5 students; and

18 WHEREAS, Fulton County Charter School System has found great success with a Seed Fund
19 recognizing and funding creative concepts which serves needs identified by School
20 Governance Teams; and

21 WHEREAS, Fulton County Charter School System has brought innovation to the public
22 school system and strives for excellence within all Fulton County Schools.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
24 commend Fulton County Charter School System for being awarded the title of 2015 Charter
25 System of the Year and for its dedicated service to the community and state.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
27 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Fulton County
28 Charter School System.