

Senate Resolution 844

By: Senator Orrock of the 36th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing February 3, 2016, as High Performance Healthy Schools Day at the capitol; and
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, a healthy and safe environment is important for school children and school
4 staff; and

5 WHEREAS, the protection of the indoor and outdoor environment where school children
6 live, learn, and play is a critical component of a child's education; and

7 WHEREAS, children, on average, spend approximately 30-50 hours per week in school; and

8 WHEREAS, children are more vulnerable to environmental hazards; they proportionally
9 breathe more air, drink more fluids, and eat more food than adults, and their developing
10 systems and behaviors contribute to their increased vulnerability; and

11 WHEREAS, new or renovated healthy and high performance schools designed to improve
12 indoor air and environmental quality can also reduce energy and maintenance costs and thus
13 provide a healthier and safer learning environment for all children through cleaner air,
14 improved lighting, and reduced exposure to toxic substances, leading to improved
15 attendance, academic achievement, and well-being; and

16 WHEREAS, our schools are the building blocks of our communities, our children, and our
17 future; and

18 WHEREAS, federal, state, local, and private sector entities should work together to ensure
19 that resources are used effectively and efficiently to address environmental health and safety
20 conditions of schools and to highlight the need for improved attention and protection of
21 children's environmental health; and

22 WHEREAS, the Georgia Chapter of the United States Green Building Council has a program
23 to recognize schools for their contributions to a healthy environment, including the Green
24 Apple Day of Service, the Green Your Schools competition, and the High Performance
25 Healthy Schools Toolbox.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
27 commend the efforts of the United States Green Building Council Georgia Chapter in making
28 schools everywhere healthier for students and teachers and recognize February 3, 2016, as
29 High Performance Healthy Schools Day at the capitol.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
31 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the Georgia
32 Chapter of the United States Green Building Council.