

Senate Resolution 1122

By: Senator Martin of the 9th

### A RESOLUTION

1 Commending and recognizing Lanier High School for being a 2016 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 good at effectively incorporating STEM, civic skills, and green  
11 career pathways; and

12 WHEREAS, in an effort to reduce waste, Lanier High School students participate in an  
13 education campaign called "Refill not Landfill" whereby the students teach their peers how  
14 to reduce waste by using reusable water bottles; and

15 WHEREAS, students also created aquaponics systems to study how fish and plants are  
16 grown together in one integrated system, which allows crops to be grown without soil and  
17 uses significantly less water than traditional farming of crops; and

18 WHEREAS, cafeteria staff visits classrooms to teach students about proper nutrition and  
19 provides taste tests for locally-grown foods; and

20 WHEREAS, Lanier High School is the first school in its district to reserve prime parking  
21 spaces for students and staff who carpool; and

22 WHEREAS, Lanier High School's environmental efforts have been years in the making and  
23 require dedication and meaningful collaboration between teachers, students, parents, and  
24 leaders, and it is in this way that Lanier models environmental stewardship for students to  
25 provide a sustainable community for future generations.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
27 commend Lanier High School for being a 2016 Georgia Green Ribbon School and recognize  
28 its commitment to inspiring and educating tomorrow's leaders and preserving the natural  
29 beauty of this state.

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 Lanier High  
32 School.