

House Resolution 521

By: Representative Gilliard of the 162nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing February 27, 2017, as Savannah Chatham County Educational Empowerment
2 Day; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, a proper quality education for the young people of this state is the single most
4 important objective of the General Assembly; and

5 WHEREAS, White Bluff Elementary School, Garden City Elementary School, Largo Tibet
6 Elementary School, Groves High School, Windsor Forest High School, and Woodville
7 Tompkins Technical and Career High School have all demonstrated unparalleled excellence
8 in the education of Georgia's youth; and

9 WHEREAS, White Bluff Elementary School enables students to learn with confidence,
10 experience success, and achieve their maximum potential, and the school's dedication to its
11 students has received distinction and recognition; and

12 WHEREAS, Garden City Elementary School has continually ensured that students have
13 access to the training and resources necessary to succeed and fostered positive relationships
14 and mutual respect, and it has served its students in various ways, including utilizing a
15 balanced, standards based curriculum with product oriented student work at the core of the
16 curriculum, allowing students to demonstrate a mastery of standards through authentic,
17 project based learning activities; improving its efforts to help English Language Learners,
18 which better prepares the school to meet and respond to the growing needs of this population
19 of students; and hosting Family Nights, allowing the faculty and staff to engage in
20 meaningful learning experiences with the students and their families; and

21 WHEREAS, Largo Tibet Elementary School has set a standard of achievement and a model
22 of excellence and success, promoting mental, physical, and spiritual health among its
23 students by its encouragement of exercise and partnerships with many faith based

24 organizations and the 92nd Engineering Brigade, and it has earned recognition and multiple
25 awards for its efforts; and

26 WHEREAS, Groves High School has shown an incredible commitment to the education of
27 its students by facilitating their involvement within the community, and the school received
28 the National BETA Club Award and an ESE Broadcast Grant and has been recognized by
29 the State of Georgia for its academic excellence, its greatest academic accomplishments
30 coming from its outstanding in school clubs such as Beta Club and ELL; and

31 WHEREAS, Windsor Forest High School, an International Baccalaureate World School, has
32 demonstrated immense dedication to its students by serving them in an engaging, relevant,
33 and rigorous learning environment, and it has achieved a remarkable three-year gain in its
34 graduation rate with an improvement of more than 20 points, while outperforming the state
35 graduation rate, and its 2016 class earned more than \$3 million in scholarships; and

36 WHEREAS, Woodville Tompkins Technical and Career High School has garnered an
37 incredible reputation for supporting student growth as well as fostering student achievement,
38 devotedly serving the entire student body and preparing them for life beyond high school by
39 an expansive academic program which teaches them to utilize real world connections; as a
40 result of Woodville Tompkin's outstanding efforts, it has achieved a 100 percent graduation
41 rate for its first graduating class and the girl's basketball team made it to the second round
42 of the GHSA Class A Public School playoffs; and

43 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper to recognize the outstanding accomplishments
44 and contributions of the Savannah Chatham County School System.

45 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
46 the members of this body recognize February 27, 2017, as Savannah Chatham County
47 Educational Empowerment Day.

48 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
49 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to White
50 Bluff Elementary School, Garden City Elementary School, Largo Tibet Elementary School,
51 Groves High School, Windsor Forest High School, and Woodville Tompkins Technical and
52 Career High School.