

House Resolution 675

By: Representatives Scott of the 76th, Stovall of the 74th, Douglas of the 78th, Burnough of the 77th, and Bazemore of the 63rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Dr. Freda D. Givens, principal of East Clayton Elementary School in Clayton
2 County, Georgia; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, for the last five years, Dr. Freda D. Givens has humbly served as the principal
4 of East Clayton Elementary School in Clayton County Public Schools (CCPS); and

5 WHEREAS, before serving as principal of East Clayton Elementary School, Dr. Givens held
6 various positions within CCPS, including middle school principal, assistant principal,
7 instructional lead teacher, choral director, and elementary school music teacher; and

8 WHEREAS, Dr. Givens spent her early years in the state of Alabama, and received a
9 Bachelor's of Arts degree and a Master's of Arts degree in music education from Alabama
10 State University and Jackson State University, respectively. Dr. Givens has also received an
11 educational specialist degree in curriculum management and administration, and a Doctor
12 of Education degree in educational leadership from Nova Southeastern University; and

13 WHEREAS, Dr. Givens is a proven leader and collaborator who has built strong
14 relationships with students, families, community partners, professional personnel at all levels
15 of public education, and related professional organizations; and

16 WHEREAS, Dr. Givens' demonstrated commitment to excellence in education is reflected
17 through her numerous recognitions, including as a 2014 CCPS Principal of the Year finalist
18 and a 2013 Atlanta Technical College Achieving the Dream honoree; and

19 WHEREAS, under the leadership of Dr. Givens, East Clayton Elementary School was
20 recognized by the Georgia Department of Education as a Title I School of Distinction in
21 2012, and as a school that "Beat the Odds" in 2016 by performing better than statistically
22 expected on the College and Career Ready Performance Index (CCRPI); and

23 WHEREAS, in addition to Dr. Givens' proven record in education, she has a lifelong
24 commitment to, and involvement in, the arts, has consistently served as a private studio voice
25 and piano instructor, and has been recognized as a Billboard Top Twenty Songwriter of
26 Gospel Music; and

27 WHEREAS, Dr. Givens currently serves as the director of Music and Worship Arts at Fresh
28 Start Christian Church and the director of the East Griffin Community Chorus in Griffin,
29 Georgia; and

30 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
31 remarkable and distinguished individual be appropriately recognized.

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
33 the members of this body commend Dr. Freda D. Givens, principal of East Clayton
34 Elementary School in Clayton County, Georgia, and extend the most sincere best wishes for
35 continued success.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
37 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
38 Dr. Freda D. Givens.