

Senate Resolution 552

By: Senators Burke of the 11th, Black of the 8th and Sims of the 12th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Thomasville City School System Superintendent, Dr. Sabrina
2 Boykins-Everett, and Footsteps2Brilliance, Inc.; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Thomasville City Schools Superintendent, Dr. Sabrina Boykins-Everett, has
4 long been recognized by the citizens of her community for the vital role that she has played
5 in leadership and her deep personal commitment to the welfare of the citizens of Thomasville
6 City; and

7 WHEREAS, Superintendent Boykins-Everett, along with the Thomasville City Schools
8 Board of Education, announce Rose City Readers, an English and Spanish early literacy
9 initiative using smartphones, tablets, and computers; and

10 WHEREAS, the Rose City Readers initiative represents the first Footsteps2Brilliance Model
11 Innovation City in Georgia, a program that challenges the Thomasville City community to
12 read 1 million words by the last day of school; and

13 WHEREAS, through a partnership with Footsteps2Brilliance, Inc., Rose City Readers
14 enables the city schools to provide every child, from birth through 3rd grade, free access to
15 thousands of eBooks, educational games and activities, and creative writing opportunities
16 that are accessible on any smartphone or device; and

17 WHEREAS, research shows children from low income families hear 30 million fewer words
18 before the age of four than their more affluent peers, and Footsteps2Brilliance, Inc., strives
19 to eliminate this literacy gap by providing a comprehensive curriculum in a fun and easy
20 accessible form on smartphones and other devices; and

21 WHEREAS, Superintendent Boykins-Everett has diligently and conscientiously devoted
22 innumerable hours of her time, talents, and energy toward the betterment of her community

23 as evidenced dramatically by her work on this initiative to ensure early learners in the
24 Thomasville City community will have future academic success; and

25 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of
26 Superintendent Boykins-Everett and her work with Footsteps2Brilliance, Inc., in Thomasville
27 City, Georgia, be appropriately recognized.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
29 recognize Thomasville City School System Superintendent, Dr. Sabrina Boykins-Everett, for
30 her efficient, effective, unselfish, and dedicated service to the State of Georgia and commend
31 the Footsteps2Brilliance, Inc., for creating accessible literacy materials.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
33 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to Superintendent
34 Sabrina Boykins-Everett and Footsteps2Brilliance, Inc.