

Senate Resolution 575

By: Senators Orrock of the 36th, Henson of the 41st, Parent of the 42nd, Butler of the 55th, Seay of the 34th and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the Truancy Intervention Project; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the Truancy Intervention Project (TIP) recently celebrated its 25th anniversary
3 in October, 2016; and
- 4 WHEREAS, since its inception in 1991, TIP has been referred by the Fulton County Juvenile
5 Court, Atlanta Public Schools (APS), and Fulton County Schools (FCS), and TIP's trained
6 volunteers have substantially benefitted, more than 10,000 chronically absent children; and
- 7 WHEREAS, almost 86 percent of those children, average age of eight, have returned to
8 school and succeeded; and
- 9 WHEREAS, in assisting these children, TIP has had a direct impact by providing these
10 children the opportunity to have happy and productive lives; and
- 11 WHEREAS, in representing TIP clients, TIP volunteers have reduced juvenile and adult
12 crime, teen pregnancy, and the need for public services and, in doing so, TIP has formed
13 collaboratives with the Fulton County Juvenile Court, Atlanta Bar Association, APS, FCS,
14 the firms, law departments, and other components of the Atlanta legal community, and the
15 terrific 2,000 or more trained TIP volunteers who have successfully partnered with chronic
16 absentee children as caring legal advocates, surrogate family members, and counselors for
17 the benefit of the children, their families, and our broader community; and
- 18 WHEREAS, TIP volunteers have prevented much private pain and public expense by caring
19 for and mentoring children, creating healthy relationships, and improving the lives of the
20 families served; and

21 WHEREAS, numerous other counties have adopted the TIP model in their communities,
22 since eradicating school failure is necessary in urban, suburban, and rural areas of our state;
23 and

24 WHEREAS, TIP volunteers' efforts have saved Fulton County more than \$5.3 million in
25 court appointed lawyer fees alone; and

26 WHEREAS, TIP's peerless staff and exceptional volunteers are to be congratulated and
27 celebrated.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
29 honor the outstanding achievements of the Truancy Intervention Project, its board and staff,
30 and all agencies, individuals, and collaborators which contributed to the above invaluable
31 achievements.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
33 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the Truancy
34 Intervention Project.