

Senate Resolution 684

By: Senators Anderson of the 43rd, Davenport of the 44th, Butler of the 55th, Henson of the 41st, Jones of the 10th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Eric Kemp; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Eric Kemp is the principal at Mary McLeod Bethune Middle School; Mr. Kemp
3 has been in the DeKalb County School District for 25 years, serving in various roles
4 including: social studies teacher; football, basketball, and track coach; and assistant principal.
5 He decided at a very young age that he would be a life-long learner; thus, he entered the field
6 of education in order to reach the next generation of scholars; and

7 WHEREAS, under the leadership of Mr. Kemp, Bethune Middle School showed a 7.2 gain
8 on the 2019 College and Career Ready Performance Index (CCRPI) State Score; the PTSA
9 also re-chartered after a five-year absence, and the school established a food bank that was
10 responsible for providing Thanksgiving meals to over 75 families in a two-year period; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Kemp has worked tirelessly in order to forge a partnership with the school
12 and the community with events such as the Back to School Bash, which gives away free
13 school supplies and haircuts to students; he also formed partnerships with several
14 organizations: National Council of Negro Women (NCNW); Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc.
15 (EMBODI Program); and State Farm, owned by Calvin Moody, which have proven to be
16 beneficial to the school community; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Kemp is married to Mrs. LaWanda Kemp, and they have two beautiful
18 children, Bryson, age 14, and Kennedy, age 12; he lists his family as his greatest
19 accomplishment.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
21 recognize and commend Eric Kemp for his service to the DeKalb County School District and
22 extend best wishes for his continued success.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
24 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Eric Kemp.