

Senate Resolution 1020

By: Senators Halpern of the 39th, Harrell of the 40th, Jones II of the 22nd, Kemp of the 38th and Parent of the 44th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Dr. Stephanie Johnson for her dedicated service to the
2 Georgia Department of Education (GaDOE); and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Dr. Stephanie Johnson, a native of Chatom, Alabama, has served with
4 excellence by way of her commitment to prioritizing education, students, and families
5 through her membership as the Georgia Department of Education's Deputy Superintendent
6 for School and District Effectiveness since July 2017; and

7 WHEREAS, Dr. Stephanie Johnson's leadership has been recognized statewide through her
8 position as Chief Turnaround Officer of GaDOE since 2017, where she specializes in
9 statewide school improvement, educational equity and accessibility, and student
10 achievement; and

11 WHEREAS, she has been a proponent for education through her service as a successful
12 turnaround School Principal of Sequoyah Middle School, Jonesboro High School, and
13 Maynard Jackson High School—following her position as Assistant Principal of Morrow
14 High School and Lead Guidance Counselor of Mount Zion High School; and

15 WHEREAS, her academic accolades include graduating with a Bachelor of Arts in
16 Psychology and English from the University of Alabama, completing a Master of Education
17 in Secondary Education and English Language Arts from the University of West Alabama,
18 several leadership certificates and educational degrees from the University of South
19 Alabama, and obtaining her Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership and
20 Administration from Capella University; and

21 WHEREAS, Dr. Stephanie Johnson extends her commitment to uplifting the community
22 through her various presentations at annual professional conferences, including the Georgia
23 Council for Exceptional Children in 2025, the GaDOE Federal Programs Conference in
24 2024, and the Georgia Compensatory Educational Leadership Annual Conference in 2024;
25 and

26 WHEREAS, she has received multiple honors, awards, and forms of recognition. Dr.
27 Stephanie Johnson was featured in the Hidden Heroes video segment by the Georgia
28 Leadership Institute for School Improvement, recognized as an Outstanding Georgia Citizen
29 and Goodwill Ambassador for the State in 2016, awarded the Georgia 2017 Servant Leader
30 Award, 2017 Greatest Influential Leader in Changing a Community Award from Georgia
31 House of Representatives, awarded the 60 for 60 Honorees from the University of Alabama
32 Alumni Association in 2023, awarded the APS Chief of Schools Principal Award in 2017,
33 awarded the Georgia Principal of the Year Award in 2016, etc.

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
35 recognize and commend Dr. Stephanie Johnson for her outstanding service, leadership, and
36 advocacy in the realms of education and youth development.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
38 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Dr. Stephanie
39 Johnson.