

Senate Resolution 968

By: Senators Halpern of the 39th, Watson of the 1st and Kirkpatrick of the 32nd

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Dr. Gyimah Whitaker; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Dr. Gyimah Whitaker, EdD, began her tenure as Superintendent of the City
3 Schools of Decatur on July 1, 2023, bringing more than two decades of educational
4 leadership experience to one of Georgia's most respected school districts; and
- 5 WHEREAS, prior to leading City Schools of Decatur, Dr. Whitaker served in progressively
6 responsible roles in Georgia's largest school systems, including as Deputy Chief Academic
7 Officer of Fulton County Schools and as an area superintendent and executive director,
8 shaping academic programs and improving outcomes across diverse student populations; and
- 9 WHEREAS, throughout her career, Dr. Whitaker has demonstrated a steadfast commitment
10 to equity, academic excellence, high-quality instruction, and student-centered leadership,
11 fostering collaborative learning environments in schools and communities alike; and
- 12 WHEREAS, as Superintendent, she has focused on implementing the district's strategic
13 vision, "All In Decatur," emphasizing meaningful engagement with families, educators, and
14 stakeholders to advance achievement, equity, and opportunity for every student; and

15 WHEREAS, Dr. Whitaker's work in education has been recognized beyond the local
16 community, including her selection to serve on the governing board of the American
17 Association of School Administrators, where she represents Georgia and contributes to
18 national dialogue on public school leadership and policy; and

19 WHEREAS, Dr. Whitaker's academic credentials, including degrees from the University of
20 Pennsylvania and a doctorate in educational leadership and administration from Georgia
21 State University, underscore her commitment to lifelong learning and professional
22 excellence; and

23 WHEREAS, under her leadership, City Schools of Decatur continues to uphold a tradition
24 of high expectations, innovative instruction, and inclusive collaboration that benefits
25 students, families, educators, and the broader community; and

26 WHEREAS, Dr. Gyimah Whitaker's visionary leadership, dedication to student success, and
27 commitment to educational equity serve as an inspiration to educators and learners
28 throughout the region.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
30 recognize and commend Dr. Gyimah Whitaker, Superintendent of the City Schools of
31 Decatur, and extend sincere best wishes for continued success.

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 Dr. Gyimah
34 Whitaker.