

## House Resolution 161

By: Representatives Watson of the 172<sup>nd</sup>, Powell of the 171<sup>st</sup>, Carter of the 175<sup>th</sup>, Coleman of the 97<sup>th</sup>, and Houston of the 170<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Stringfellow Elementary School on their highly successful  
2 early literacy intervention program, school leadership, and their partner Istation Reading; and  
3 for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, Stringfellow Elementary School is a pre-kindergarten through grade five school  
5 in Colquitt County, Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, the school had received a failing grade from the Georgia Department of  
7 Education and was ranked as a low-performing school; and

8 WHEREAS, Principal Tret Witherspoon and Vice Principal Josh Purvis developed and  
9 implemented a school-wide improvement plan for the 2014-2015 school year; and

10 WHEREAS, this innovative plan included an aggressive focus on early literacy through a  
11 variety of approach to instruction, intervention, and family support; and

12 WHEREAS, the school's literacy plan also included bringing in Istation Reading for daily  
13 use, with students pulled into a new daily intervention block added to their schedule, aimed  
14 at assisting the 90 percent of fourth and fifth grade students who were reading below grade  
15 level; and

16 WHEREAS, within one semester, the percentage of fourth graders reading at grade level  
17 quadrupled and that of fifth graders increased 40 percent after using Istation Reading for  
18 daily use.

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
20 the members of this body recognize and commend Stringfellow Elementary School students  
21 for their tremendous reading ability growth and the committed school leaders on continued  
22 service to the community.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
24 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to  
25 Stringfellow Elementary School and their partner, Istation Reading.