

Senate Resolution 483

By: Senators Albers of the 56th, Dixon of the 45th, Brass of the 28th, Williams of the 25th, Halpern of the 39th and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Sierra Pape; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Sierra Pape, a sophomore at Midtown High School, reached out to Senator John
- 3 Albers in August of last year for guidance on a legislative proposal that would implement
- 4 information about organ donation and transplantation within the school curriculum; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Senator Albers was incredibly excited to assist Sierra with this life-changing
- 6 initiative due to his own personal story with his son. In 2021, Senator John Albers donated
- 7 his left kidney to his son, Will Albers, in a lifesaving procedure; and
- 8 WHEREAS, when Sierra came to Senator Albers with this initiative, he did not have to think
- 9 twice about how important implementing this into the school curriculum would be for the
- 10 State of Georgia; and
- 11 WHEREAS, State School Superintendent, Richard Woods, along with the rest of the State
- 12 Board of Education members met to hear Senator Albers and Sierra Pape present the purpose
- 13 and inspiration for the initiative, "Teaching Organ Donation and Saving Lives." The State
- 14 Board Committee passed this initiative into the curriculum to be implemented for the
- 15 upcoming school year; and

16 WHEREAS, in addition to being an impressive student, Sierra serves on the Fulton County
17 Youth Commission, Metro Atlanta Regional Commission, and Midtown High School's "My
18 Votes" chapter; and

19 WHEREAS, Senator Albers will be recognizing Sierra and her impressive efforts on
20 February 15, National Donor Day, at the Georgia State Capitol.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
22 recognize and commend Sierra Pape for her work on this important curriculum initiative.

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 Sierra Pape.