

Senate Resolution 841

By: Senators Goodman of the 8th, Watson of the 11th, Bearden of the 30th, Still of the 48th and Echols of the 49th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending Midway Elementary School; and for other purposes.

- 2 WHEREAS, a proper quality education for the young people of this state is the single most
3 important objective of the General Assembly; and

- 4 WHEREAS, from 2021 to 2023, Midway Elementary developed and implemented a
5 comprehensive strategy to assess, collect, and analyze student achievement data that brought
6 together administrators, staff, teachers, students, parents, and community members; and

- 7 WHEREAS, these standards-based benchmarks in ELA and math mirrored the rigor and
8 format of the End-of-Grade Milestone Assessments (GMAS) and were administered three
9 times a year using Edulastic, the same testing environment of the GMAS; and

- 10 WHEREAS, through this new strategy, Midway Elementary School significantly increased
11 its students' achievement on the GMAS, raising the weighted achievement percentage for
12 ELA from 70.23 percent in 2021 to 87.94 percent in 2023 and for math from 84.88 percent
13 to 95.83 percent; and

14 WHEREAS, in recognition of the significant growth and success of its students, Midway
15 Elementary School was honored as a 2023 National ESEA Distinguished School; and

16 WHEREAS, this honor is awarded to two of the highest-performing Title I schools in each
17 state, which are chosen based on academic achievement and written responses describing
18 initiatives implemented that resulted in outstanding achievement among traditionally
19 underserved subgroups of students; and

20 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this exemplary academic institution be
21 appropriately honored during this special time.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
23 commend Midway Elementary School upon its designation as a 2023 National ESEA
24 Distinguished School and extend best wishes for continued success.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
26 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Midway
27 Elementary School.