

## House Resolution 443

By: Representatives Holly of the 116<sup>th</sup>, Berry of the 56<sup>th</sup>, Olaleye of the 59<sup>th</sup>, Willis of the 55<sup>th</sup>, Burnough of the 77<sup>th</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Raising Expectations Inc.; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, as college students at Georgia State University, Dr. Maria Armstrong and  
3 Tangee Allen recognized the challenges faced by African American youth in low-wealth  
4 communities and began providing tutoring and mentoring for youth in Decatur; and

5 WHEREAS, what began as a volunteer effort quickly grew into a structured and sustained  
6 initiative as Dr. Armstrong, Tangee, and their peers dedicated themselves to supporting  
7 children academically and personally, leading the two women to found Raising Expectations  
8 Inc.; and

9 WHEREAS, for 27 years, Raising Expectations Inc. has provided impactful youth  
10 development programming to students in Atlanta communities, including Decatur, East Lake,  
11 Pittsburgh, Vine City, English Avenue, Washington Park, and the Westside; and

12 WHEREAS, this outstanding organization employs a 360-degree approach to youth  
13 development that addresses students' academic, social, and mental well-being through  
14 tutoring, mentoring, STEM exposure, college preparation, and hands-on learning to improve  
15 college readiness; and

16 WHEREAS, Raising Expectations Inc. maintains a high-expectation model in which students  
17 are required to attend programming four days per week throughout the school year and  
18 participate in enrichment activities designed to foster new skills and interests; and

19 WHEREAS, its signature program, the Academic Tutorial Academy, is the focal component  
20 of Project D.R.E.A.M. (Developing Raised Expectations for Adolescent Minds), supporting  
21 students through individualized learning plans, one-on-one mentorship, and computer-based  
22 instruction to bridge academic gaps and improve standardized test performance; and

23 WHEREAS, Raising Expectations Inc. further collaborates with school administrators,  
24 parents, and teachers to align its academic support with classroom learning, using ongoing  
25 assessment and data-driven instruction to increase student achievement; and

26 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable nonprofit be  
27 appropriately honored.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
29 the members of this body commend Raising Expectations Inc. for its outstanding  
30 contributions to youth development and education in this state as well as extend sincere best  
31 wishes for its continued success.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
33 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to  
34 Raising Expectations Inc.