

Senate Resolution 382

By: Senators Esteves of the 35th, James of the 28th, Kemp of the 38th, Halpern of the 39th, Parent of the 44th and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Principal Kimberly Gibbs; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Principal Kimberly Gibbs, a proud graduate of Atlanta Public Schools, has
3 demonstrated an unwavering commitment to student success and educational excellence
4 throughout her career; and
- 5 WHEREAS, now in her fifth year as a principal and with a decade of experience in school
6 leadership, Principal Gibbs has devoted herself to fostering a supportive and empowering
7 learning environment where students are encouraged to reach their full potential; and
- 8 WHEREAS, under her leadership, Martin Luther King Jr. Middle School has seen significant
9 growth, including a steady 6 percent increase in math and English language arts proficiency
10 over the past two years and an 18 percent rise in student enrollment; and
- 11 WHEREAS, she has implemented several key initiatives to enhance student engagement and
12 school culture, including the Prowler Pack, a principal advisory committee that allows
13 student leaders to contribute to school improvement efforts, and regular classroom and
14 school-wide community circles to strengthen relationships among students and staff; and

15 WHEREAS, Principal Gibbs has also created a beloved daily tradition at Martin Luther King
16 Jr. Middle School through her morning inspirational videos, which have become so popular
17 that students now sign up for Takeover Fridays to participate in the broadcasts; and

18 WHEREAS, she is deeply committed to ensuring equitable access to high-quality education
19 for all students, with a particular focus on providing necessary supports for students with
20 disabilities and those from underserved communities; and

21 WHEREAS, she believes in the principle of "connection before content," a philosophy that
22 has shaped the school's instructional framework; and

23 WHEREAS, Principal Gibbs views her role as more than just a school administrator—she
24 is a mentor, a guide, and a champion for both students and staff, continually striving to foster
25 a strong sense of community and inspire excellence in all those she serves.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
27 recognize and commend Principal Kimberly Gibbs for her outstanding leadership, dedication,
28 and contributions to Martin Luther King Jr. Middle School and extend best wishes for
29 continued success.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
31 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Principal
32 Kimberly Gibbs.