

House Resolution 698

By: Representatives Scott of the 76th, Davis of the 87th, and Schofield of the 63rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Sis. Terri Ali; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Sis. Terri Ali has been instrumental in the development and management of the
3 Firdous Community Farm at Mohammed Schools of Atlanta, fostering an environment where
4 students gain hands-on experience in sustainable agriculture and healthy living; and

5 WHEREAS, her passion for agriculture began in 2012 when she became a certified natural
6 grower and established Terri's Backyard Garden, where she cultivated food for her family
7 and local markets before relocating her efforts to the school in 2014; and

8 WHEREAS, under her guidance, the school farm has grown from a few garden beds into a
9 USDA-recognized 10,000-square-foot operation with 25 garden beds, two large wind tunnels
10 for year-round food production, and two orchards producing fresh fruit; and

11 WHEREAS, beyond traditional farming, students under her direction participate in
12 agricultural and ecological practices such as nurturing butterflies, raising honeybees,
13 composting, cooking, and producing value-added goods in addition to sharing resources with
14 local homesteaders and sending seeds to a village in The Gambia, West Africa; and

15 WHEREAS, as a member of the Health and Wellness Committee, she has helped implement
16 a school-wide commitment to healthy dietary practices, reinforcing the importance of
17 nutrition in combating intergenerational health concerns such as diabetes, high blood
18 pressure, and high cholesterol in the surrounding community; and

19 WHEREAS, the recent hiring of a chef for the Farm to Cafeteria program has further
20 expanded the farm's impact, allowing fresh produce grown on-site to be served daily to
21 students, teachers, and their families; and

22 WHEREAS, Mohammed Schools of Atlanta routinely collaborates with urban growers and
23 has partnered with the Georgia Women of Agriculture to uphold clean, natural, and
24 earth-friendly growing practices, ensuring sustainability for future generations; and

25 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable individual be
26 appropriately honored during this special time.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
28 the members of this body commend Sis. Terri Ali for her visionary leadership in agricultural
29 education and her dedication to sustainability, wellness, and community engagement as well
30 as extend best wishes for continued success.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
32 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Sis.
33 Terri Ali.