

House Resolution 1095

By: Representatives Wade of the 9th, Gambill of the 15th, Dubnik of the 29th, Chastain of the 7th, Clifton of the 131st, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the 2026 Don Cargill STEM Scholar Award Recipients and commending the
2 Georgia Youth Science and Technology Center; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Georgia Youth Science and Technology Center (GYSTC) is a private, not-
4 for-profit educational organization established to increase interest in and enthusiasm for
5 science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM); and

6 WHEREAS, since 1989, GYSTC has focused on providing programs that strengthen the
7 teaching and learning of STEM education for kindergarten through eighth-grade teachers and
8 students, with a particular emphasis on rural and underserved school districts throughout the
9 State of Georgia; and

10 WHEREAS, the Georgia Youth Science and Technology Center offers professional learning
11 opportunities for educators and hands-on STEM activities for students and parents that are
12 designed to change perceptions, spark curiosity, and introduce STEM-related careers at an
13 early age; and

14 WHEREAS, GYSTC recognizes that preparation for life beyond high school must begin
15 early and that engaging young minds in STEM experiences lays the foundation for a future
16 workforce that is curious, capable, confident, and well-prepared; and

17 WHEREAS, understanding the vital role STEM plays in Georgia's economy, the Georgia
18 Youth Science and Technology Center has built a strong statewide network of partnerships
19 among local businesses, community leaders, K-12 educators, and institutions of higher
20 education; and

21 WHEREAS, these partnerships help educators access STEM resources within their own
22 communities, connect classrooms to emerging technologies and career pathways, and ensure
23 that students see STEM not merely as a subject, but as a gateway to lifelong opportunity; and

24 WHEREAS, the Don Cargill STEM Scholar Award recognizes outstanding students whose
25 academic achievement, curiosity, and commitment to science, technology, engineering, and
26 mathematics exemplify the mission and values of the Georgia Youth and Technology Center;
27 and

28 WHEREAS, the 2026 Don Cargill STEM Scholar Award recipients, Terran Taylor, Robin
29 Marrow, Quanya Pendelton-Sears, Audra Esquivel, McKenzie Snyder, Linda Rule, Keith
30 Furstenberg, Tammy Owen, Audrey Hughes, Sarah Middleton, Don Hamil, Dr. Amy
31 Tankersley, Aisha Chadwick, Lacy Williams, Keri Claxton, Celia Anyenesazan, Kristen
32 Bowen, Alyssa Benner, Linda W. Kurtz, Dr. Serene D. Lee, Samuel Sacks, Shelee
33 McCorkle, Dr. Samantha Sturup, Briana Howell, Kendel Purvis represent the promise of
34 Georgia's future and demonstrate excellence, perseverance, and leadership in STEM
35 education.

36 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
37 the members of this body do hereby honor the 2026 Don Cargill STEM Scholar Award
38 recipients and commend the Georgia Youth Science and Technology Center for its enduring
39 commitment to advancing STEM education, supporting educators, inspiring students, and
40 strengthening Georgia's workforce and communities.

41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
42 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
43 Georgia Youth Science and Technology Center and to the Don Cargill STEM Scholar Award
44 recipients.