

House Resolution 1216

By: Representatives Schofield of the 63rd, Scott of the 76th, Davis of the 87th, and Burnough of the 77th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing The Youth Civic Advisory Board; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, The Youth Civic Advisory Board (YCAB) was established by Dr. Jamelle
3 McKenzie in partnership with veteran educator Eleanor Willis, who serves as Dean of
4 Students, to elevate the voices of young people in College Park and ensure that youth
5 perspectives are meaningfully incorporated into community decision-making; and
- 6 WHEREAS, YCAB's foundation and continued success are strengthened through the
7 leadership and guidance of Dean Willis, whose instruction and activities emphasize critical
8 thinking, problem-solving, and public speaking; and
- 9 WHEREAS, these skill-building experiences have empowered student leaders with the
10 confidence and tools needed to thoughtfully approach, analyze, and advocate for local issues
11 and community concerns; and
- 12 WHEREAS, a central role of YCAB is to provide youth-centered insight and
13 recommendations to Dr. Jamelle McKenzie, ensuring that young people's perspectives help
14 inform policy discussions, programming, and community priorities; and

15 WHEREAS, this advisement relationship reinforces the values of listening to youth voices
16 and intentionally integrating them into leadership and decision-making processes; and

17 WHEREAS, YCAB board members engage in advocacy presentations before the City
18 Council, community service initiatives, government related field trips, and interactive
19 workshops with elected officials and community leaders; and

20 WHEREAS, these experiences help cultivate informed, engaged, and socially conscious
21 young leaders who are prepared to contribute thoughtfully to their community; and

22 WHEREAS, YCAB's current initiative focuses on addressing the unhoused in College Park
23 through compassion, awareness, and action; and

24 WHEREAS, through this initiative, YCAB continues to model youth-led civic engagement
25 rooted in empathy, service, and meaningful impact.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
27 the members of this body recognize the Youth Civic Advisory Board for its unwavering
28 dedication to educating, empowering, and uplifting the voices young leaders.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
30 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to The
31 Youth Civic Advisory Board.