

## Senate Resolution 704

By: Senators Halpern of the 39th, Orrock of the 36th, Kemp of the 38th, McLaurin of the 14th, Jones II of the 22nd and others

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Congratulating and commending Raising Expectations; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Raising Expectations will be celebrating 30 years of dedicated community  
3 service, empowering and supporting youth facing significant systemic and economic  
4 challenges; and
- 5 WHEREAS, under the guiding hand and sustained leadership of co-founders Maria  
6 Armstrong and Tangee Allen, this outstanding non-profit organization has served over 3,500  
7 youth, all of whom qualify for free or reduced price meals and are first-generation college  
8 students; and
- 9 WHEREAS, Raising Expectations delivers a comprehensive continuum of academic,  
10 leadership, and college-to-career programming designed to support students over multiple  
11 years and through key life transitions; and
- 12 WHEREAS, Raising Expectations' core programing focuses on sustained, month-by-month  
13 engagement, following students from middle school through college and transition into the  
14 workforce; and

15 WHEREAS, in addition to core programs, Raising Expectations offers enrichment initiatives  
16 including the Summer Pathfinder Workforce Programs, the Real Estate Enrichment Program,  
17 Take a Student to College Day, and literacy programs, expanding access to experiences and  
18 opportunities often unavailable to students from under-resourced communities; and

19 WHEREAS, this remarkable organization's work strengthens not only individual students,  
20 but families, neighborhoods, and the broader Atlanta community; and

21 WHEREAS, Raising Expectations' legacy is defined by its belief in what is possible when  
22 youth are met with consistency, care, and high expectations—and by its continued  
23 commitment to fueling the future, one student at a time.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
25 congratulate Raising Expectations upon 30 years of impact, commend it for its many  
26 outstanding contributions on behalf of the citizens of Georgia, and extend best wishes for its  
27 continued growth, development, and success.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
29 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Raising  
30 Expectations.