

House Resolution 1256

By: Representatives Herring of the 145th, Paris of the 142nd, Jones of the 143rd, Washburn of the 144th, and Griffin of the 149th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the efforts of Communities In Schools of Central Georgia for their significant
2 contributions to improving student attendance, student achievement, dropout prevention, and
3 community partnerships in Central Georgia; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, Communities In Schools of Central Georgia (CISCG) has made significant
5 strides in empowering students to stay in school and achieve in life, serving as a vital bridge
6 between community resources and the Bibb County School District; and

7 WHEREAS, exemplifying a steadfast dedication to student welfare, CISCG achieved
8 remarkable success in the 2024-2025 academic year, with 98 percent of their case-managed
9 seniors graduating, a rate significantly higher than the statewide average, and with 75 percent
10 of students showing marked academic improvement and increased attendance.

11 WHEREAS, CISCG continues to lead the charge on student support through its network of
12 site-based "Empowerment Coaches" stationed at Bernd, Bruce, Hartley, Ingram-Pye, Rosa
13 Taylor, Southfield, and Union Elementary Schools; Appling and Ballard Hudson Middle
14 Schools; as well as Westside High School and SOAR, removing nonacademic barriers and
15 providing mentorship; and

16 WHEREAS, CISCG remains a vital partner to the region's economic future, ensuring that
17 students graduate college and are career-ready, thereby strengthening the local workforce and
18 breaking the cycle of poverty through sustained, evidence-based interventions; and

19 WHEREAS, the organization continues to demonstrate strength and vision under the
20 leadership of CEO Taryn Collinsworth and her dedicated team, including 14 school based
21 staff and more than 30 volunteer mentors who are on the frontlines of their work, fostering
22 strong ties with partners like Hope for the Heart of Georgia, the Merrie Christmas Initiative,
23 First Choice Primary Care, and Community Partnership - Bibb County Family Connections
24 to secure the resources necessary for student success; and

25 WHEREAS, CISCG has fostered a culture of care and consistency, ensuring that every
26 student, regardless of race, zip code, or socioeconomic status, has a personal relationship
27 with a caring adult and a safe place to learn and grow.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
29 the members of this body recognize and commend Communities In Schools of Central
30 Georgia for its exemplary efforts in improving attendance, driving student success,
31 increasing graduation rates, and fostering collaborative relationships that benefit the entire
32 Macon-Bibb community.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that recognition is given to Board of Directors Chair
34 Emeritus Sarah Hawthorne, Chair Adrick Ingram and Directors Michael Kruger, Karen
35 Middleton, Erin Weaver, Darius Maynard, Lori Rodgers, Jonathan Barton, Marissa Cooling,
36 and Adrias Hale for their vision and strategic leadership; Chief Executive Officer Taryn
37 Collinsworth, Chief Administrative Officer Amanda Irons, and Chief Mentoring Programs
38 Officer Vashun Tobler for their leadership, vision, and dedication; and Empowerment

39 Coaches Gloria Burnette, Cydne Gee, Gabriela McKenzie, Kaleah Stephens, Ericka Burns,
40 Jada Danzie, Blake Seldon, Myrja Fuller, Terry Seltzer and Daryl Hughes for their effective
41 execution of strategies that have positioned Central Georgia students for a lifetime of
42 success.

43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
44 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
45 Communities In Schools of Central Georgia.