

House Resolution 1632

By: Representatives Frye of the 122nd, Gisler of the 121st, Hugley of the 141st, Holly of the 116th, Smith of the 41st, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Clarke County School District for preserving the historic and significant
2 West Broad Street School Campus; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the West Broad Street School Campus in Athens, Georgia, established in 1891,
4 has been a historic cornerstone of African American education, including the historic Minor
5 Street Building, constructed in 1938, and the historic Campbell Lane Building, constructed
6 in 1958; and

7 WHEREAS, these buildings represent distinct and significant periods in Georgia's
8 educational history: the Minor Street Building as a Jim Crow-era school and the Campbell
9 Lane Building as an Equalization-era facility, both embodying the architectural, cultural, and
10 educational heritage of their eras; and

11 WHEREAS, after years of vacancy, deterioration, and threats to their integrity, the Clarke
12 County School District has undertaken careful planning and rehabilitation efforts to preserve
13 and restore both these critical historic and significant buildings, ensuring their continued use
14 for educational and community purposes; and

15 WHEREAS, the district's efforts include adaptive reuse for classrooms, career pathway labs,
16 heritage and community spaces, and outdoor areas that honor the campus's historic
17 significance while serving contemporary educational needs; and

18 WHEREAS, these preservation efforts have been conducted in close collaboration with
19 Historic Athens, local stakeholders, and community members, demonstrating a commitment
20 to protecting the campus's historical, cultural, and educational significance.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
22 the members of this body commend the Clarke County School District for its leadership in
23 preserving and restoring both the Minor Street and Campbell Lane Buildings, ensuring these
24 two historic and significant structures remain integral to the Athens community for present
25 and future generations.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
27 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
28 Clarke County School District.