

House Resolution 1364

By: Representative Willis of the 55th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Belladay Barry, Marina Hirsch Dantas e Silva, Maddie Hardy, Hannah
2 Horowitz, and Karys Quarles; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, a proper quality education for the young people of this state is the single most
4 important objective of the General Assembly; and

5 WHEREAS, Belladay Barry, Marina Hirsch Dantas e Silva, Maddie Hardy, Hannah
6 Horowitz, and Karys Quarles are students at the Paideia School, the leading progressive
7 school in the Southeast offering AP and post-AP curricula; and

8 WHEREAS, as young leaders committed to service, they first partnered with Chris180, one
9 of the Southeast's premiere mental health, child welfare, and family service organizations,
10 to conduct a book drive and support underserved elementary school children; and

11 WHEREAS, they have since served for the past two years as holiday assistants at Chris180,
12 helping parents and guardians choose gifts, playing with young children while the gifts were
13 selected, and wrapping gifts for the families; and

14 WHEREAS, these remarkable students further serve their community as Girl Scouts and are
15 working towards receiving their Silver Awards, so as an expansion on their prior work in
16 2020, they planned a comprehensive community service project for their school community
17 to celebrate MLK Day 2024; and

18 WHEREAS, this exemplary initiative received the full support of the Paideia community and
19 resulted in the creation and delivery of more than 1,000 personal care and hygiene kits to
20 unhoused adolescents in need; and

21 WHEREAS, next year, they plan to grow the event beyond the school community in order
22 to collect more items, secure more volunteers, and ultimately serve more Chris180 clients;
23 and

24 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that these extraordinary student-leaders be
25 appropriately honored.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
27 the members of this body commend Belladay Barry, Marina Hirsch Dantas e Silva, Maddie
28 Hardy, Hannah Horowitz, and Karys Quarles for their many outstanding contributions on
29 behalf of their fellow youth and express the most sincere best wishes for continued success.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
31 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to
32 Belladay Barry, Marina Hirsch Dantas e Silva, Maddie Hardy, Hannah Horowitz, and Karys
33 Quarles.