

## House Resolution 853

By: Representatives Scott of the 76<sup>th</sup>, Stephenson of the 90<sup>th</sup>, Holly of the 111<sup>th</sup>, and Douglas of the 78<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Dr. Elna Poulard for receiving the Trailblazer Award for  
2 2019, as submitted by Phenomenal Women "Soaring Beyond" of Henry County, Georgia;  
3 for being recognized as a Community Pillar in opening doors of opportunity and supporting  
4 community unity, growth, and development; and for other purposes.

5 WHEREAS, Dr. Elna Poulard has been honored as a community leader and is committed to  
6 supporting strong family structures and youth development; and

7 WHEREAS, a native of Haiti, Dr. Poulard has lived in the United States for more than 35  
8 years and currently resides in Georgia; and

9 WHEREAS, she works with various school districts, exercising her gift of professional  
10 training with youth, young adults, and families in various areas, including juvenile  
11 delinquency, foster parenting, and parenting; and

12 WHEREAS, Dr. Poulard earned doctoral degrees in special education and in psychology and  
13 has several degrees in business administration, including a master's degree in business  
14 administration and global management; and

15 WHEREAS, a former educator in the Philadelphia School System, Dr. Poulard is the founder  
16 and president of Family Support Circle, Inc. (FSC), a 501(c)(3) faith-based youth  
17 development program, which has been expanded to serve children, youth, and young adults  
18 in various communities, including in metro Atlanta and internationally; and

19 WHEREAS, Dr. Poulard's organization provides after-school and summer enrichment  
20 programs for elementary and middle school students, and mentoring, scholarship education,  
21 and sexual risk avoidance/abstinence education for high school students in Henry, Fulton,  
22 DeKalb and Clayton Counties; and

23 WHEREAS, she partners with the Henry County School District to provide educational  
24 support to students in need of tutoring and homework assistance during school hours and in  
25 after-school hours to help improve their grades; and

26 WHEREAS, she spends countless volunteer hours in coaching and guiding young families  
27 to become successful, productive, and self-sustaining households in the community; and

28 WHEREAS, Dr. Poulard's community involvement includes working with the Henry County  
29 Chamber of Commerce, where she serves on the board of directors and as the chair of the  
30 Education Committee; she is also a mentor at the Academy for Advanced Studies in the  
31 Henry County Schools; and

32 WHEREAS, Dr. Poulard is a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable  
33 reputation for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness; and

34 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this  
35 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

36 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
37 the members of this body recognize and commend Dr. Elna Poulard for receiving the  
38 Trailblazer Award and extend their most sincere best wishes for continued health and  
39 happiness.

40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
41 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Dr.  
42 Elna Poulard.