

Senate Resolution 1124

By: Senator Martin of the 9th

### A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing Kinchafoonee Primary School for being named a 2016 Georgia Green Ribbon  
2 School and for its great work in environmental education and sustainability; and for other  
3 purposes.

4 WHEREAS, the aim of United States Department of Education Green Ribbon Schools is to  
5 inspire schools, districts, and institutions of higher education to strive for 21st century  
6 excellence by highlighting exemplary practices and resources that all can employ; and

7 WHEREAS, the Green Ribbon award recognizes schools, districts, and institutions of higher  
8 education that reduce environmental impact and costs; improve the health and wellness of  
9 schools, students, and staff; and provide environmental education which teaches many  
10 disciplines and is especially skilled at effectively incorporating STEM, civic skills, and green  
11 career pathways. The combined achievement in all three of these areas serves as the basis  
12 for recognition; and

13 WHEREAS, Kinchafoonee Primary School maintains an in-house recycling center,  
14 composting site, animal habitats, certified pollinator gardens, brush pile and logs, birdhouses,  
15 and bird feeders; and

16 WHEREAS, rain barrels are used to catch rooftop runoff that is used in the flower and  
17 vegetable gardens; and

18 WHEREAS, the school has composting bins and a worm farm located on site, and students  
19 add worms to the flower bed to improve the health of the gardens; and

20 WHEREAS, during the past year, all students participated in a Reading for Recycling  
21 program, with each student reading a minimum of five books about the environment; and

22 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this  
23 school be appropriately recognized.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
25 commend Kinchafoonee Primary School for being named a 2016 Georgia Green Ribbon  
26 School and recognize its commitment to inspiring and educating tomorrow's leaders and  
27 preserving the natural beauty of this state.

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 Kinchafoonee  
30 Primary School.