

Senate Resolution 476

By: Senator Harbison of the 15th

### A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Martin Luther King, Jr., Outdoor Learning Center and Turn Around  
2 Columbus; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Columbus, Georgia, has a long and rich African-American history; and

4 WHEREAS, across the country historic landmarks have proven to attract economic  
5 development and enhance tourism; and

6 WHEREAS, many historic locations and events in Columbus, Georgia, are unidentified and  
7 too often forgotten; and

8 WHEREAS, the Martin Luther King, Jr., Outdoor Learning Center, a project of Turn Around  
9 Columbus, highlights 18 historic locations and events, along with those previously  
10 designated on the Black Heritage Trail; and

11 WHEREAS, the center provides an opportunity to educate youth and was inaugurated by  
12 Rothschild Leadership Academy students presenting historic vignettes on site of each new  
13 location; and

14 WHEREAS, the center is built on the success achieved by the Carver Heights Against Drugs,  
15 South Westview Against Drugs, Columbus Against Drugs, and the other Columbus  
16 drugfighters; the ongoing efforts of George Washington Carver High School and Principal  
17 Chris Lindsey; and the Fluellen Recreation Center; and

18 WHEREAS, Turn Around Columbus has issued a February challenge to Columbus youth  
19 and all groups, organizations, businesses, and churches working with Columbus youth to  
20 suggest unique and innovative ways the outdoor learning center can be utilized; and

21 WHEREAS, citizens and visitors, young and old, nonprofit groups and organizations, and  
22 area businesses are encouraged to take advantage of the Martin Luther King, Jr., Outdoor  
23 Learning Center.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
25 commend the Martin Luther King, Jr., Outdoor Learning Center and Turn Around Columbus  
26 for enhancing educational and tourism opportunities vital to community and economic  
27 development and commend Rothschild Leadership Academy Principal Dr. Michael R. Forte;  
28 teachers Dr. Lashaunda Norman and Ms. Tamiya Blythers; and students Eamarol Alexander,  
29 Chantel Bass, Rayshon Forter, Arianna Fowler, Kniya Hancock, Celeste Harris, Mickell  
30 Haynes, Jascam Jusper, Alexander King, Delray Stephens, Jr., and Shelly Stephens for  
31 developing a pilot curriculum for the Martin Luther King, Jr., Outdoor Learning Center.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
33 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to Dr. Michael R.  
34 Forte, Dr. Lashaunda Norman, Ms. Tamiya Blythers, Eamarol Alexander, Chantel Bass,  
35 Rayshon Forter, Arianna Fowler, Kniya Hancock, Celeste Harris, Mickell Haynes, Jascam  
36 Jusper, Alexander King, Delray Stephens, Jr., and Shelly Stephens.