

## Senate Resolution 552

By: Senators Martin of the 9th, Stone of the 23rd, Anderson of the 24th and Jones II of the 22nd

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Columbia County's River Ridge Elementary School's River  
2 Ridge 3 Theater Team and ILM Academy's ILMSmarts Middle School Visual Arts Team as  
3 grand prize winners of the Augusta University 2019 STEAMIFY Competition; and for other  
4 purposes.

5 WHEREAS, River Ridge Elementary School and ILM Academy are two Georgia schools  
6 with leaders and teachers who constantly demonstrate a sincere commitment to their students  
7 through providing resources, support, and enriching learning experiences aimed at equipping  
8 young minds for success in college and beyond; and

9 WHEREAS, these schools prepare the youth of Georgia to be 21st century citizens by  
10 engaging them in the practical applications of math and science and the use of the design  
11 process to solve real-world problems; and

12 WHEREAS, River Ridge Elementary School and ILM Academy teachers recognize and  
13 support improving persistence and equity in STEM disciplines by intentionally planning  
14 design experiences that culminate in engineering, engineering technologies, and art; and

15 WHEREAS, the River Ridge 3 Theater Team competed against 13 other elementary school  
16 theater teams to achieve the distinction of First Place Winner in the Elementary Theater  
17 Division during the 2019 STEAMIFY Competition; and

18 WHEREAS, the River Ridge 3 Theater Team competed against 62 other elementary school  
19 teams in the 2019 STEAMIFY Competition to achieve the title of Elementary Grand Prize  
20 Winner; and

21 WHEREAS, the ILMSmarts Middle School Visual Arts Team competed against 12 other  
22 middle school visual arts teams to achieve the distinction of First Place Winner in the Middle  
23 School Arts Division; and

24 WHEREAS, the ILMSmarts Middle School Visual Arts Team competed against 73 other  
25 middle school teams in the 2019 STEAMIFY Competition to achieve the title of Middle  
26 School Grand Prize Winner; and

27 WHEREAS, excellent performance, superior teamwork, remarkable focus, and extraordinary  
28 persistence made these two teams spectacular to observe; and

29 WHEREAS, both teams have established and demonstrated excellence in 21st century skills,  
30 including, but not limited to, applying knowledge, designing, problem-solving,  
31 communicating, and working effectively as a unit; and

32 WHEREAS, these two teams have set the standard for hard work, practice, and dedication  
33 to excellence, and the State of Georgia takes great pride in these exceptional young people  
34 and their teacher-coaches.

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
36 recognize and commend Columbia County's River Ridge Elementary School's River Ridge  
37 3 Theater Team and ILM Academy's ILMSmarts Middle School Visual Arts Team as grand  
38 prize winners of the Augusta University 2019 STEAMIFY Competition and extend their  
39 most sincere best wishes for continued success.

40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
41 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to Columbia County's  
42 River Ridge Elementary School's River Ridge 3 Theater Team and ILM Academy's  
43 ILMSmarts Middle School Visual Arts Team.