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CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY

I, Debra G. Andrews, the duly elected, qualified and Acting Secretary of The Board of Public Education for the City of Savannah and the County of Chatham, do hereby certify that the attached Resolution in Support of HR 648, The No Child Left Behind Improvement Act of 2007, was adopted unanimously at an official meeting of the Board held on Wednesday, June 27, 2007.

WITNESS my hand and official seal of said Board of Public Education for the City of Savannah and the County of Chatham this 28th day of June, 2007.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Debra G. Andrews", written over a horizontal line.

Debra G. Andrews, Secretary
The Board of Public Education for
The City of Savannah and the County
of Chatham



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**SAVANNAH-CHATHAM COUNTY BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION
BOARD OF EDUCATION MATTERS
June 27, 2007**

SUPPORT OF HR 648, *THE NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2007*

RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS, on January 8, 2002, President Bush signed into law *the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act of 2001*, which applies to all school districts and states that accept federal Title I dollars; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education for the City of Savannah and the County of Chatham supports the goals of NCLB of raising student achievement; closing the achievement gap; and ensuring that each child has a highly qualified teacher; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education for the City of Savannah and the County of Chatham continues to welcome the accountability for improving student and school performance; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education for the City of Savannah and the County of Chatham has had five years of operational experience in implementing NCLB; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education for the City of Savannah and the County of Chatham has identified improvements that could be made to NCLB that would eliminate barriers to full implementation of the federal law; and

WHEREAS, the National School Boards Association (NSBA) developed draft legislation based on input from local school boards across the nation that would address the concerns of local school boards and improve the implementation of NCLB; and

WHEREAS, in April 2006 the NSBA Delegate Assembly reaffirmed its support of federal legislation that is consistent with the NSBA draft legislation; and

WHEREAS, in January 2007, Representative Don Young (R-AK) reintroduced legislation, the *No Child Left Behind Improvement Act of 2007*, HR 648, that is consistent with the NSBA draft legislation.

THUS,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education for the City of Savannah and the County of Chatham urges Representative Jack Kingston (R-GA) and Representative John Barrow (D-GA) to fully support HR 648 by becoming co-sponsors of the bill; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education for the City of Savannah and the County of Chatham seeks the support of local community and civic leaders and appropriate members of the Georgia General Assembly in encouraging Representative Jack Kingston (R-GA) and Representative John Barrow (D-GA) to fully support HR 648 by becoming co-sponsors of the bill; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to members of the Georgia U.S. congressional delegation, Governor Sonny Perdue, the members of the Georgia General Assembly, local public governing officials, and Georgia State Superintendent of Schools Kathy Cox.