



A Resolution Supporting the Continuation of the Houston County Board of Education's E-SPLOST

WHEREAS, an Educational Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax is a one-cent sales tax that lasts a maximum of five years or until the established cap is reached; and

WHEREAS, the E-SPLOST would not be a tax increase, not an additional tax and not a property tax but a continuation of the current 1% E-SPLOST sales tax and by law, E-SPLOST funds must be used for capital outlay projects for capital purposes, but not for operating expenses, such as salaries; and

WHEREAS, costs of the E-SPLOST are shared by all who shop in Houston County, regardless of where the shoppers live, and the E-SPLOST is an equitable sales tax shared by all who purchase goods in Houston County, including our numerous visitors, therefore, everyone contributes and not just property owners; and

WHEREAS, Houston County voters voted yes and approved E-SPLOST referendums in 1997, 2001, 2005 and 2011 showing that the Houston County Board of Education has acted as good stewards of past E-SPLOST funds and successfully fulfilled the covenant with the residents of Houston County, Georgia to use these funds wisely and prudently; and


WHEREAS, the current E-SPLOST expires in March 2017 and would be replaced by this new vote for 2017-2022.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Houston County Board of Commissioners expresses its support of the Houston County Board of Education's E-SPLOST continuation in Houston County.

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board encourages all citizens in Houston County to vote for the continuation of the E-SPLOST in Houston County.

SO RESOLVED this 2nd day of February, 2016

Attested By:



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