



A Commendation

WHEREAS, DeKalb County is proud to recognize Elaine Bryan for her dedicated service as Counselor at Chamblee Charter High School; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Bryan's influence, methodology and special brand of counseling continue to set her apart from her peers. She is known for her trademark approach, *What You Do With What You Have Determines What You Become*; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Bryan's commitment to guidance and mentorship earned her the 2011 Region VI Counselor of the Year Award and the 2008 DeKalb Counselor of the Year Award. Throughout the years, she has helped DeKalb students obtain thousands of scholarships; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Bryan's community involvement is extensive. She is a 2009 graduate of Leadership Sandy Springs and the recipient of numerous awards, including the Judge Glenda Hatchett Mentor Award, the Georgia School Counselor Association's Regional Counselor of the Year Award, the Turner Broadcasting Education Award, the Mayor of Atlanta Phoenix Award, the U.S. Postal Service's Women Putting their Stamp on Atlanta Diversity Champion Award, and the Atlanta Jamaica Association's 2011 Outstanding Jamaican Award; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Bryan's passion for education has extended to every corner of the county and positively impacted the lives of students throughout DeKalb County. Her contributions have enhanced our community and we appreciate the dedication and commitment she continues to show to students throughout our county.

NOW THEREFORE, I, W. Burrell Ellis, Jr., on behalf of DeKalb County and its more than 700,000 citizens, do hereby commend Mrs. Bryan's steadfast passion for education and selfless service to students across our county.

PROCLAIMED, THIS 21st day of September 2011.

W. Burrell Ellis, Jr.
Chief Executive Officer