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Reese Road Leadership Academy Students Request Gray Fox for State Mammal

(Columbus, GA)-Reese Road Leadership Academy students are making Georgia history. First grade students and teachers wrote a letter to Representative Carolyn Hugley, (D-Columbus), asking her to sponsor legislation to name the Gray Fox as the official state mammal. The gray fox beat the coyote and bobcat by majority vote of first grade students.

It all started at the beginning of the school year with one fourth grade student's cub-scout project to list a few of the official state symbols. That's when the student learned that Georgia was one of at least three states that did not have an official state mammal. The fourth student shared the project with the team of first grade students who were eager to take on the project.

"Their sheer determination and innovation tied the historical project to the first grade standards and [Stephen Covey's 7 Habits](#) that the school has adopted," said Pat Hugley Green, District 1 Board Member.

The entire first grade student body and team of leaders anticipate traveling to the capital to testify before the Special Rules Committee to ask for support in passing House Bill (HB) 70.

Access <http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/20152016/145579.pdf> for more information about HB 70 or Valerie Fuller, communications@muscogee.k12.ga.us.