

House Resolution 1208

By: Representatives Ashe of the 46th, Jamieson of the 22nd, Porter of the 143rd and Smith of the 91st

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending Robin Ferst Howser, the Madison Book Lady; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Robin Ferst Howser has become known as the Madison Book Lady since she
3 established the Ferst Books Foundation, a non-profit organization dedicated to developing
4 a love of reading among pre-school children; and
- 5 WHEREAS, she remembers well that as a child there was always someone who read to her
6 and she is committed to fostering a love for books among children all over the state and is
7 doing just that - one county at a time; and
- 8 WHEREAS, her foundation supported the Imagination Library Project, which has provided
9 more than 10,000 books to pre-schoolers in the area and is a replica of one begun by Dolly
10 Parton in Tennessee; and
- 11 WHEREAS, Robin funded the project on her own the first year, sending books to more than
12 600 children, and now she is engaged in fund-raising through grants and small capital
13 campaigns to expand the program one county at a time; and
- 14 WHEREAS, the wonderful energy and commitment she has demonstrated in this special
15 literacy project has truly made a difference in the lives of countless young children and their
16 families and her efforts deserve recognition and the highest praise.
- 17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
18 the members of this body recognize and commend Robin Ferst Howser, the Madison Book
19 Lady, for her exemplary efforts to encourage literacy among Georgia pre-schoolers and
20 convey to her their deep appreciation, respect, and best wishes in this most worthy pursuit.
- 21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
22 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Robin Ferst Howser.