

House Resolution 1662

By: Representative Sholar of the 179th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Decatur County-Gilbert H. Gragg Library on its 100th
2 anniversary; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, April 29, 2002, marks the 100th anniversary of library services for the citizens
4 of Decatur County that began with the establishment of the Bainbridge Free Library and
5 grew into the Southwest Georgia Regional Library System, which includes Seminole and
6 Miller counties; and

7 WHEREAS, newspaper accounts in *The Search Light* reported early meetings of the charter
8 members of the Bainbridge Library Association, the contributions from the Bainbridge
9 Woman's Club, and the invitation to citizens to donate books to the Bainbridge Library; and

10 WHEREAS, financing the library required diligence and ingenuity supplemented by tea
11 parties, rummage sales, and other fundraising ventures popular at that time, including a three-
12 day baseball challenge between the Bainbridge and Camilla amateur teams; and

13 WHEREAS, the lot on the corner of Broughton and Crawford was donated in 1913 for a
14 building but a \$10,000.00 grant from the Carnegie Foundation fell through, so the library
15 remained upstairs over the city hall with financial support a constant concern; and

16 WHEREAS, Decatur County, the pioneer of the bookmobile movement in Georgia in 1938,
17 saw a new building dedicated in 1975 through significant contributions from the Gilbert H.
18 Gragg family, a library foundation formed in 1990, and facility renovation completed in
19 1994; and this quality library serves the area well.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
21 this body commends the Decatur County-Gilbert H. Gragg Library on its 100th anniversary
22 and conveys its appreciation to the citizens and families involved in this wonderful century
23 of commitment and community progress.

- 1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
- 2 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Susan Whittle.