

## House Resolution 509

By: Representatives Ashe of the 46<sup>th</sup> and Coleman of the 80<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Southern Order of Storytelling and recognizing the third week of  
2 November, 2001, as Georgia Storytelling Week; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the ancient folk art of storytelling was almost lost in this country, but in 1975  
4 the National Association for the Preservation and Perpetuation of Storytelling, now called  
5 the National Storytelling Network (NSN), a nonprofit organization, was founded to promote  
6 the art of the storytelling and established its headquarters in Jonesborough, Tennessee; and

7 WHEREAS, the art of storytelling is a valuable method of sharing American folklore and  
8 is an important means of contributing to Georgians' knowledge of the history of our state;  
9 and

10 WHEREAS, the art of storytelling embraces the history and lore of diverse cultures and  
11 exposes all Georgians to the richness of our differences while fostering understanding; and

12 WHEREAS, the Southern Order of Storytellers was chartered in Georgia in 1982 as a  
13 nonprofit organization with a membership of 25 and has grown to include over 300  
14 storytellers throughout the state; is an affiliate member of the NSN and a resource partner  
15 with the Center for Character Education, a collaborative program of the Georgia Department  
16 of Education, the Georgia Humanities Council, and the Georgia Power Foundation; and  
17 contributes to the self-esteem of students.

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
19 the members of this body commend the Southern Order of Storytellers and recognize the  
20 third week of November, 2001, as Georgia Storytelling Week.

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 the Southern Order of  
23 Storytellers.