

House Resolution 249

By: Representative Dollar of the 31st

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the bicentennial of the Demosthenian Literary Society; and
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Demosthenian Literary Society, named after the Greek orator, statesman,
4 and champion of democracy, Demosthenes, was formed at the University of Georgia on
5 February 19, 1803, to promote extemporaneous speaking; and

6 WHEREAS, membership in the Demosthenian Literary Society is open to any University of
7 Georgia student desiring to cultivate a correct mode of speaking, to qualify through practice,
8 to express his or her views in an effective manner, and to enjoy the fellowship of other
9 students; and

10 WHEREAS, the Demosthenian Literary Society is the oldest debate society in the South and
11 the oldest student organization at the University of Georgia; and

12 WHEREAS, Demosthenian Hall, the fourth oldest building at the University of Georgia and
13 one of the University's most architecturally significant structures, was built in 1824 on the
14 University's North Campus and was placed on the National Register for Historic Places in
15 1971; and

16 WHEREAS, numerous alumni of the Demosthenian Literary Society have honorably and
17 nobly served the State of Georgia in the Georgia General Assembly, on the Georgia Supreme
18 Court, as Governor of Georgia, and in the United States Congress, and that among the alumni
19 who have worked to shape the political and social history of Georgia and the United States
20 are Robert Toombs, Herman Talmadge, William Atkinson, Hugh Dorsey, Crawford Long,
21 Jack Kingston, Buddy Darden, and Ralph Reed; and

22 WHEREAS, the members of the Demosthenian Literary Society are active and proud
23 members of the Athens-Clarke County community; and

1 WHEREAS, over the 200 year history of the Demosthenian Literary Society, its members
2 and alumni have upheld the highest standards of excellence in scholarship, citizenship, and
3 oratory skill, and have thus established the Demosthenian Literary Society as the premier
4 debate society at the University of Georgia since its formation; and

5 WHEREAS, the members of the Demosthenian Literary Society are guided and mentored
6 by faculty advisor Stefanie A. Lindquist, J.D., Ph.D., Associate Professor at the University
7 of Georgia, and former law clerk to the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit.

8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
9 the members of this body recognize and commend the Demosthenian Literary Society on its
10 200th anniversary and extend their best wishes to each member of the society for success and
11 happiness in future endeavors.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
13 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Demosthenian Literary
14 Society at the University of Georgia.