

## Senate Resolution 32

By: Senators Adelman of the 42nd, Weber of the 40th, Miles of the 43rd, Butler of the 55th, Henson of the 41st and others

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending the DeKalb County Public Library; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the DeKalb County Public Library was recently honored by being one of the  
3 ten public libraries in the United States and the United Kingdom to be featured in the book  
4 *Exemplary Public Libraries: Lessons in Leadership, Management, and Service*; and
- 5 WHEREAS, the DeKalb County Public Library employs some 250 staff members at 23  
6 branches; and
- 7 WHEREAS, more than 30 percent of DeKalb County residents are library cardholders  
8 (around 206,000 people); and
- 9 WHEREAS, studies show that early childhood development programs have the highest  
10 long-term economic payback of any investment by government and libraries are becoming  
11 more highly valued for their educational benefits; and
- 12 WHEREAS, libraries can have some of the greatest impact in the community, especially in  
13 the first few critical years of a child's life; studies have shown that if a child does not have  
14 a reading experience before entering school, his or her chances of completing school greatly  
15 diminish; and
- 16 WHEREAS, the DeKalb County Public Library offers a variety of literacy programs, more  
17 than any other system in the state, including family literacy classes, preliteracy classes for  
18 children age two and under, homeless shelter initiatives, English as a Second Language  
19 classes, and test preparation and work skills classes; and
- 20 WHEREAS, in response to population changes, the DeKalb County Public Library now  
21 offers multilanguage collections at some of its branches.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
2 commend the DeKalb County Public Library for its unparalleled achievements in all areas,  
3 including childhood education and literacy, and extend their sincerest best wishes for  
4 continued success in the future.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
6 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the DeKalb County Public Library.