

House Resolution 1819

By: Representatives Smith of the 113th, Holt of the 112th, Floyd of the 147th, Royal of the 171st, Hembree of the 67th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Mr. Steve W. Schaefer and congratulating him on the occasion of his
2 retirement; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Steve W. Schaefer has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for
4 the vital role that he has played in his community and his deep personal commitment to the
5 public library system in the State of Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, he received his Atrium Baccalaureus degree in History from the University of
7 Missouri, his Master of Science in Library Science degree from Florida State University, and
8 his Specialist in Library and Information Science degree from the University of South
9 Carolina, meeting his wife, Rita, in the library school at Florida State University; and

10 WHEREAS, in his distinguished career, he has served in a myriad of capacities, from library
11 page and assistant at the St. Louis County Library, to bookmobile clerk for the Brunswick-
12 Glynn Regional Library System, and to assistant director at the Ohoopsee Regional Library
13 System, before becoming the director of the Uncle Remus Regional Library System in
14 Madison, Georgia, in 1980, from which he will retire in August, 2008; and

15 WHEREAS, he has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,
16 talents, and energy toward the betterment of his state as evidenced dramatically by his over
17 32 years of service to the Georgia public library system; and

18 WHEREAS, during his tenure as director of the Uncle Remus Library System, he has taken
19 the system from a budget of \$125,000 to one of nearly \$2.5 million and served as the first
20 chair of the Georgia PINES Network, a state-wide public library lending system that covers
21 270 libraries and 133 counties, the largest of its kind in the nation; and

22 WHEREAS, during his time with the Uncle Remus Library System, he has helped to foster
23 state-wide library cooperation, helping to implement a common accounting system, serving

1 on numerous associations and boards, and managing construction projects for eight libraries;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, his significant organizational and leadership talents, his remarkable patience
4 and diplomacy, his keen sense of vision, and his sensitivity to the needs of the members of
5 the Georgia public library system have earned him the respect and admiration of his
6 colleagues and associates; and

7 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
8 distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
10 the members of this body commend Mr. Steve W. Schaefer for his many decades of efficient,
11 effective, unselfish, and dedicated service to the Georgia public library system and the
12 citizens of this state and extend to him their most sincere best wishes for continued health
13 and happiness.

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
15 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Steve W. Schaefer.