By: Representatives Benfield of the 85th and Drenner of the 86th

A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating the Academy Theatre; and for other purposes.

- 2 WHEREAS, on March 27-29, 2008, storytellers from far and wide assembled at the
- 3 Academy Threatre in Avondale Estates for the first Atlanta Storytelling Festival; and
- 4 WHEREAS, this signal event featured ten programs with more than 30 Metro Atlanta 5 storytellers who utilized not only traditional oral art but also dance, puppetry, verse, and 6 music; and
- 7 WHEREAS, the gathering included a wide range of themes, including love, generations, new
- 8 Americans, coming out, power, and crossing boundaries, in order to reflect and embrace the
- 9 wide range of experiences and cultures of Atlanta's diverse population; and
- WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper to applaud the inaugural occurrence of thisoutstanding event.
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
 the members of this body congratulate the Academy Theatre for hosting the first Atlanta
 Storytelling Event and express their most sincere appreciation for many stories well told.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Academy Theatre.