

House Resolution 91

By: Representatives Wilson of the 80th, Bennett of the 94th, Drenner of the 85th, Evans of the 83rd, Henson of the 86th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the DeKalb County Public Library for being named the 2018 Georgia Public
2 Library of the Year; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the DeKalb County Public Library has committed itself to embracing diversity
4 in DeKalb County, as well as establishing and maintaining a proud tradition of excellence
5 for its community; and

6 WHEREAS, this exemplary library has contributed to the DeKalb community by creating
7 the Read More Campaign in order to coalesce the 22 library locations for a common goal of
8 promotion, outreach, and unity; and

9 WHEREAS, the DeKalb County Public Library has engaged in innovative outreach efforts
10 by offering programs to readers of all ages, such as PRIME TIME Preschool, which
11 introduces young children and their families to literature through storytelling techniques;
12 Fine Free Summer, which exempts overdue fees for juveniles in the summertime in order to
13 encourage learning when school is not in session; "Take the Internet Home with You," which
14 allows patrons to checkout mobile hotspot devices, demonstrating a modern outlook on the
15 needs of the community; and the Human Library Project, which involves human "books"
16 sharing their life experiences; and

17 WHEREAS, the library also continues to preserve and promote Georgia's rich literary
18 heritage by hosting the Georgia Center for the Book, one of its most visible and popular
19 programs which provides free author talks and sponsors literary engagement events; and

20 WHEREAS, DeKalb County Public Library also is a sponsor and key partner to the AJC
21 Decatur Book Festival and serves as a venue for Festival author talks; and

22 WHEREAS, the impressive achievements of the library are a clear indication of the
23 dedication and outstanding leadership of the Library Board of Trustees; Library Director,
24 Alison Weissinger; and her staff; and

25 WHEREAS, for these and other achievements, the DeKalb County Public Library was
26 named the 2018 Georgia Public Library of the Year by the Georgia Public Library Service.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
28 the members of this body commend the DeKalb County Public Library for being named the
29 2018 Georgia Public Library of the Year and extend their most sincere best wishes for
30 continued success.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
32 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
33 DeKalb County Public Library.