

Senate Resolution 62

By: Senators Butler of the 55th, Henson of the 41st, Parent of the 42nd, Harrell of the 40th, Davenport of the 44th and others

A RESOLUTION

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

3 WHEREAS, the DeKalb County Public Library is a system of individual library locations
4 serving diverse interests and needs; and

5 WHEREAS, this outstanding organization has had a tremendous impact on its community
6 through its spirit of service and desire to improve the quality of life in the DeKalb County
7 area and is recognized for offering public programming that embraces the county's diverse
8 community; and

9 WHEREAS, under the leadership of the Library Board of Trustees, Library Director Alison
10 Weissinger and her staff, the county provides exceptional services, programs, and resources
11 to its residents; and

12 WHEREAS, in 2018, the DeKalb County Board of Commissioners approved increased
13 funding for libraries by \$2.2 million; county leadership also raised the minimum wage to \$14
14 an hour, benefiting 90 library employees; and

15 WHEREAS, its numerous innovative efforts include the Read More campaign to coalesce
16 all 22 library locations under a common goal of promotion, outreach, and unity; PRIME
17 TIME Preschool, which introduces young children to literature through storytelling and
18 playtime; Fine Free Summer, which encourages parents and children to check out books to
19 prevent summer learning loss; and the Human Library Project, which involves human
20 "books" sharing life experiences with participants in one-on-one conversations; and

21 WHEREAS, the DeKalb County Public Library also hosts the Georgia Center for the Book,
22 one of the library's most visible and popular programs; and

23 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
24 extraordinary organization be appropriately recognized.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
26 commend and recognize the DeKalb County Public Library for being named Georgia's Public
27 Library of the Year and for playing a critical role in promoting lifelong learning.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
29 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to CEO Michael
30 Thurmond, Director Alison Weissinger, and the staff and volunteers of the DeKalb County
31 Public Library.