

House Resolution 375

By: Representative Lupton of the 83<sup>rd</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Mike Coleman; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Mike Coleman, a longtime Georgia resident, has been honored as the recipient  
3 of a 2024 Georgia Author of the Year Award for his coming-out memoir, *The Way from Me*  
4 *to Us*; and

5 WHEREAS, published by Riverdale Avenue Books in New York City in 2023, *The Way*  
6 *from Me to Us* has received widespread recognition for its candor and emotional depth, with  
7 a second edition scheduled for publication in spring 2025; and

8 WHEREAS, since the book's initial publication, he has shared his work through readings and  
9 signings at bookstores and literary events across New York, Florida, Alabama, South  
10 Carolina, and Georgia; and

11 WHEREAS, as an independent writer, editor, and branding consultant in the latter part of his  
12 career, Mike Coleman further authored *An Aquarium for Georgia: Commemorating the*  
13 *Construction of the Georgia Aquarium* for the Brasfield & Gorrie construction firm; and

14 WHEREAS, a professional writer for nearly 45 years before retiring in 2020, Mike Coleman  
15 has received awards for news reporting and writing for nonprofit organizations and  
16 businesses in the technology industry; and

17 WHEREAS, he continues to serve as a member of the Authors Guild, the oldest and largest  
18 association of published authors in the United States, and he is active in both the Atlanta  
19 Writers Club and the Broadleaf Writers Association; and

20 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this outstanding individual be  
21 appropriately honored during this special time.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
23 the members of this body recognize and commend Mike Coleman upon receiving his 2024  
24 Georgia Author of the Year Award as well as extend sincere best wishes for future health and  
25 happiness.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
27 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Mike  
28 Coleman.