

House Resolution 146

By: Representatives Lupton of the 83rd and Tran of the 80th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Gina Gallois; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Gina Gallois has dedicated her career to educating and inspiring children
3 through literature, using her passion for storytelling to foster a greater appreciation for
4 wildlife and neurodiversity; and

5 WHEREAS, her lifelong environmentalism and love of animals led her to recognize a
6 widespread lack of awareness about opossums in 2019, motivating her to take action by
7 visiting numerous classrooms and nature centers to share her appreciation for misunderstood
8 and under-represented critters; and

9 WHEREAS, in recognition of her contributions to environmental education, the Oatland
10 Island Wildlife Center in Savannah, Georgia, inaugurated a permanent storybook trail in
11 2024 featuring *Mama Opossum's Misadventures* in both English and Spanish, allowing
12 visitors to engage with her work while learning about local wildlife; and

13 WHEREAS, as the mother of two autistic children, she and her husband, Fabien, have
14 embraced and advocated for neurodiversity, and she has used her experiences to create such

15 wonderful works as *Quantum Possum*, which celebrates the diverse ways in which
16 individuals experience the world; and

17 WHEREAS, her *Awesome Opossum Stories* series, which introduces young readers to
18 fundamental concepts such as opposites, counting, comparison, and alphabet action verbs
19 through engaging narratives, has been honored with the prestigious Mom's Choice Gold
20 Award; and

21 WHEREAS, her distinguished literary contributions further include the *Bug Club Story*
22 series, featuring *Cicada City* and *Moth Metamorphosis*, as well as *I Don't Want to be Scary*
23 *on Halloween* and *Cats and Dogs Make the Best of Friends*; and

24 WHEREAS, as an advocate for multilingual literacy and a former professor of French
25 language and literature, she has ensured her books are available in French and Spanish in
26 addition to English; and

27 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this distinguished individual be
28 appropriately honored.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
30 the members of this body recognize and commend Gina Gallois for her outstanding
31 contributions to childhood education, advocacy, and environmentalism as well as extend best
32 wishes for future health and happiness.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
34 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Gina
35 Gallois.