

## Senate Resolution 225

By: Senators Hickman of the 4th, Jones II of the 22nd and Burns of the 23rd

## A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating and commending Rise Augusta, recipient of the Georgia Reads Community  
2 Award, for its dedication to literacy advancement; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Georgia Council on Literacy is dedicated to improving literacy from birth  
4 through adulthood and recognizes that communities play a critical role in addressing low  
5 literacy rates; and

6 WHEREAS, the Georgia Reads Community Award was established to recognize  
7 communities across Georgia that have formed partnerships of two or more organizations,  
8 sustained for at least three years, with a strategic plan and measurable results in literacy  
9 improvement; and

10 WHEREAS, Rise Augusta has been a pillar of support for Richmond County students since  
11 1997, demonstrating an unwavering commitment to student success; and

12 WHEREAS, in 2020, Rise Augusta transitioned from its origins as Communities In Schools  
13 Augusta-Richmond County into an independent, community-driven organization dedicated  
14 to addressing the unique educational needs of students in the region; and

15 WHEREAS, Rise Augusta has fostered meaningful partnerships with the Richmond County  
16 School System, CSRA Community Foundation, Regional Educational Services Agency, and  
17 the Jessye Norman School of the Arts to provide holistic educational support; and

18 WHEREAS, these initiatives have led to measurable improvements in reading proficiency,  
19 ensuring greater opportunities for success in education and career development; and

20 WHEREAS, the dedication and hard work of Rise Augusta and its partners serve as an  
21 inspiration to others, demonstrating the power of community-driven solutions to address  
22 literacy challenges.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
24 congratulate and commend the Georgia Reads Community Award recipients, particularly  
25 Rise Augusta, for their exemplary service and unwavering commitment to improving literacy  
26 in their communities.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
28 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Rise Augusta.