

Senate Resolution 224

By: Senators Hickman of the 4th and Summers of the 13th

A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating and commending the Ben Hill County School District, recipient of the
2 Georgia Reads Community Award, for its dedication to literacy advancement; and for other
3 purposes.

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

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

11 WHEREAS, the Ben Hill County School District is a recipient of the Georgia Reads
12 Community Award for its collaborative efforts to address barriers that students face, such as
13 poverty, lack of resources, and academic challenges; and

14 WHEREAS, Communities in Schools collaborates with the Ben Hill County School District
15 to place site coordinators within schools to build relationships with students and families,
16 offering mentorship, counseling, and academic support; and

17 WHEREAS, its meaningful partnerships include the Ben Hill County School District,
18 Communities in Schools, L4GA, CLCP, Fitzgerald-Ben Hill Chamber of Commerce,
19 Dorminy Medical Center, the Monitor Enrichment Program, civic organizations, PTO, and
20 numerous private businesses and industries in Fitzgerald and Ben Hill County, demonstrating
21 a strong commitment to literacy development through community collaboration; and

22 WHEREAS, the Ben Hill County School District and its partners have diligently developed
23 and implemented innovative programs that have increased literacy rates within their
24 communities; and

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

27 WHEREAS, the dedication and hard work of the Ben Hill County School District and its
28 partners serve as an inspiration to others, demonstrating the power of community-driven
29 solutions to address literacy challenges.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
31 congratulate and commend the Georgia Reads Community Award recipients, particularly the
32 Ben Hill County School District, for their exemplary service and unwavering commitment
33 to improving literacy in their communities.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
35 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the Ben Hill
36 County School District.