

Senate Resolution 220

By: Senators Hickman of the 4th and Orrock of the 36th

A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating and commending the Black Child Development Institute, 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 Black Child Development Institute is a recipient of the Georgia Reads
12 Community Award for its dedicated efforts in promoting early literacy and language
13 development for families with children from birth to age eight; and

14 WHEREAS, the Read to Succeed program assists families in establishing home libraries
15 filled with culturally responsive and developmentally appropriate children's books to foster
16 a love of reading and learning; and

17 WHEREAS, its meaningful partnerships include the United Way of Greater Atlanta, the
18 Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning, the Georgia Early Education Alliance for
19 Ready Students, and the Atlanta Speech School's Rollins Center for Language and Literacy,
20 demonstrating a strong commitment to literacy development through collaboration and
21 resource-sharing; and

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

24 WHEREAS, the dedication and hard work of the Black Child Development Institute and its
25 partners serve as an inspiration to others, demonstrating the power of community-driven
26 solutions to address literacy challenges.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
28 congratulate and commend the Georgia Reads Community Award recipients, particularly the
29 Black Child Development Institute, for their exemplary service and unwavering commitment
30 to improving literacy in their communities.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
32 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the Black Child
33 Development Institute.