

## Senate Resolution 222

By: Senators Hickman of the 4th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Rhett of the 33rd, Harbin of the 16th and Setzler of the 37th

## A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating and commending Marietta City Schools, recipient of the Georgia Reads  
2 Community 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, Marietta City Schools is a recipient of the Georgia Reads Community Award  
11 for its city-wide collaboration Literacy & Justice For All, which began in Marietta to support  
12 language and literacy from the third trimester of pregnancy through age five, with the goal  
13 of building the deep reading brain of every child; and

14 WHEREAS, its meaningful partnerships include Marietta City Schools, United Way of  
15 Greater Atlanta, Rollins Center for Language and Literacy, Cobb Collaborative, and

16 Wellstar, demonstrating a strong commitment to literacy development through early  
17 childhood education and community collaboration; and

18 WHEREAS, Marietta City Schools has diligently developed and implemented innovative  
19 programs that have significantly increased literacy rates within its communities; and

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

22 WHEREAS, the dedication and hard work of Marietta City Schools and its partners serve as  
23 an inspiration to others, demonstrating the power of community-driven solutions to address  
24 literacy challenges.

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

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
30 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Marietta City  
31 Schools.