

Senate Resolution 221

By: Senators Hickman of the 4th and Payne of the 54th

A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating and commending Believe Greater Dalton, 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, Believe Greater Dalton, the strategic planning initiative of the Greater Dalton
11 Chamber of Commerce, is a recipient of the Georgia Reads Community Award for its
12 dedicated efforts in improving school readiness and ensuring all children are reading at grade
13 level by third grade; and

14 WHEREAS, over the past decade, Believe Greater Dalton has built a framework of
15 collaborative partners whose sole purpose is to achieve these literacy goals; and

16 WHEREAS, its meaningful partnerships include the B8 team, which meets bi-monthly and
17 includes leaders from Dalton Public Schools and Whitfield County Schools, Dalton State
18 College and Georgia Northwestern Technical College, United Way, Family Connections,
19 local childcare centers, healthcare professionals from Vitruvian Health and the Anna Shaw
20 Children's Institute, faith-based organizations, and various nonprofit organizations and
21 governmental agencies vital to serving children; 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 Believe Greater Dalton and its partners serve
25 as an inspiration to others, demonstrating the power of community-driven solutions to
26 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
29 Believe Greater Dalton, for their exemplary service and unwavering commitment to
30 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 Believe Greater
33 Dalton.