

## House Resolution 381

By: Representatives Carpenter of the 4<sup>th</sup>, Ridley of the 6<sup>th</sup>, and Tarvin of the 2<sup>nd</sup>

## 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 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
28 the members of this body congratulate and commend the Georgia Reads Community Award  
29 recipients, particularly Believe Greater Dalton, for their exemplary service and unwavering  
30 commitment to improving literacy in their communities.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
32 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to  
33 Believe Greater Dalton.