

House Resolution 1136

By: Representatives Erwin of the 32nd, Gambill of the 15th, Ballard of the 147th, Wade of the 9th, Donatucci of the 105th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Ms. Shantelle Grant on the occasion of her selection as the
2 2025 Georgia Public Library Employee of the Year; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Ms. Shantelle Grant serves as the children’s coordinator at the Toccoa-Stephens
4 County Public Library and as the regional children’s and youth services director for the
5 Northeast Georgia Regional Library System; and

6 WHEREAS, Ms. Grant has been selected as the recipient of the 2025 Georgia Public Library
7 Employee of the Year Award in recognition of her outstanding service, leadership, and
8 dedication to the needs of her community; and

9 WHEREAS, Ms. Grant is widely recognized for creating a welcoming and inclusive
10 environment for adults and children of all ages, while actively advocating on behalf of public
11 libraries and promoting literacy and lifelong learning throughout her community; and

12 WHEREAS, nominators have noted that Ms. Grant’s passion for early literacy has played a
13 vital role in supporting the library’s mission to support the development of lifelong readers
14 and learners; and

15 WHEREAS, at Toccoa-Stephens County Public Library, Ms. Grant conducts and oversees
16 all aspects of children's and youth programming, including story-time, summer reading
17 programs, 1,000 Book Before Kindergarten, home-school programming, the Mayor's
18 Reading Club, collection development, and other literacy-focused initiatives; and

19 WHEREAS, community members consistently praise Ms. Grant's enthusiasm, warmth, and
20 commitment to children and families, noting her ability to engage audiences of any size with
21 joy, patience, and encouragement; and

22 WHEREAS, in her role as Regional Children's and youth Services Director, Ms. Grant
23 coordinated state level youth initiatives across the Northeast Georgia Regional Library
24 System, providing guidance and support to children's staff while facilitating collaboration
25 and effective program planning; and

26 WHEREAS, Ms. Grant's leadership has had a profound and far-reaching impact on her
27 community through early literacy initiatives, mentorship of teens and future educators, and
28 strong partnerships with schools, home-school families, and local government; and

29 WHEREAS, Ms. Grant is an active member of the Toccoa-Stephens County Chamber of
30 Commerce and the local Rotary Club, further demonstrating her commitment to civic
31 engagement and community service; and

32 WHEREAS, in November 2025, Ms. Grant was recognized by the Stephens County School
33 System as the 2025 pioneer in Education, reflecting the lasting influence of her work in
34 education and youth development; and

35 WHEREAS, encouraged by retiring librarian Kay Canberg, Ms. Grant began her service at
36 the Toccoa-Stephens County Public Library in 2007, and as since devoted herself to
37 strengthening literacy and learning opportunities for children and families across Northeast
38 Georgia; and

39 WHEREAS, Ms. Grant is widely regarded as a professional of integrity, compassion, and
40 excellence whose work has strengthened her community and advanced the mission of public
41 libraries throughout the state of Georgia.

42 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
43 the members of this body recognize and commend Ms. Shantelle Grant for her exemplary
44 service and congratulate her on being named the 2025 Georgia Public Library Employee of
45 the Year.

46 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
47 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Ms.
48 Shantelle Grant.