

Senate Resolution 821

By: Senators Hickman of the 4th, Payne of the 54th, Setzler of the 37th, Halpern of the 39th and Hatchett of the 50th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing March 3, 2026, as Georgia Reads Day; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Georgia Reads Day celebrates the power of community involvement in literacy
3 and students across Georgia who are building lifelong literacy skills essential for academic
4 success, workforce readiness, and active citizenship; and

5 WHEREAS, the Georgia Council on Literacy provides statewide leadership to advance
6 reading achievement and to encourage a culture of literacy the support students from early
7 childhood through high school; and

8 WHEREAS, Malcolm Mitchell, Super Bowl champion, author, and Georgia Reads Coach,
9 appointed by the Georgia Council on Literacy, has inspired students across Georgia to
10 develop a love of reading and to see literacy as a pathway to opportunity and personal
11 growth; and

12 WHEREAS, students from pre-K through high school participated in Mitchell's Share the
13 Magic Foundation 2026 READBowl, a statewide and global reading challenge that
14 encourages students to set goals, strengthen literacy skills, and demonstrate dedication,

15 discipline, and enthusiasm for reading while competing with peers from across Georgia and
16 around the world; and

17 WHEREAS, Georgia Reads Day recognizes and celebrates the outstanding achievements of
18 Georgia's 2026 READBowl winners from elementary, middle, and high school, whose
19 commitment to reading exemplifies academic excellence and love of learning; and

20 WHEREAS, Georgia Reads Day also honors the 2026 Georgia Reads Community Award
21 winners, recognizing community leaders, schools, and organizations whose work spans birth
22 through adult literacy efforts and who are addressing Georgia's literacy through innovative,
23 community-driven solutions.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
25 recognize March 3, 2026, as Georgia Reads Day, and commend the students participating in
26 and winning the 2026 READBowl, Georgia Reads Coach Malcolm Mitchell, the Georgia
27 Council on Literacy, and the 2026 Georgia Reads Community Award winners for their
28 outstanding contributions to advancing literacy across the State of Georgia.

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 the Georgia
31 Council on Literacy.