

## House Resolution 1513

By: Representatives Erwin of the 32<sup>nd</sup>, Ballard of the 147<sup>th</sup>, Hilton of the 48<sup>th</sup>, Rice of the 139<sup>th</sup>, Olaleye of the 59<sup>th</sup>, and others

## 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 that supports students from early  
7 childhood through high school; and

8 WHEREAS, Malcolm Mitchell, Super Bowl champion, author, and Georgia Read 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 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
25 the members of this body recognize March 3, 2026, as Georgia Reads Day, and commend  
26 the students participating in and winning the 2026 READBowl, Georgia Reads Coach  
27 Malcolm Mitchell, the Georgia Council on Literacy, and the 2026 Georgia Reads  
28 Community Award winners for their outstanding contributions to advancing literacy across  
29 the State of Georgia.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
31 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the  
32 Georgia Council on Literacy.