

## House Resolution 1077

By: Representatives Drenner of the 85<sup>th</sup>, Davis of the 87<sup>th</sup>, Tran of the 80<sup>th</sup>, Evans of the 89<sup>th</sup>, Mitchell of the 88<sup>th</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Michael L. Thurmond; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Michael L. Thurmond is an exceptional citizen who has faithfully and humbly  
3 served the DeKalb County Public Library, the citizens of DeKalb County, and the great State  
4 of Georgia for more than 37 years; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Thurmond has provided unwavering support to the library during and  
6 following the pandemic through his leadership and advocacy on behalf of library services  
7 while also meeting life's many commitments as DeKalb County CEO, public servant, and a  
8 role model for civic engagement; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Thurmond has led the way in supporting the DeKalb County Public Library  
10 through the restoration of library funding, notable increases in library staff salary ranges, and  
11 an ongoing funding commitment for the purchase of books and materials, changes which  
12 have played a pivotal role in the expansion of public service hours, patron access to  
13 materials, and employee retention and career development; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Thurmond personally understands the pivotal role that libraries play in  
15 increasing literacy and enhancing lifelong learning for the benefit of Georgia's citizens, and

16 he has demonstrated his commitment to these services through his support of the DeKalb  
17 County Public Library's Discover More! library card sign-up drive, the Summer Reading  
18 Program, and the library's many partnerships in support of children, adults, and seniors; and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Thurmond has been named the 2023 Service Library Champion of the Year  
20 by the Georgia Public Library and it is an honor to recognize him for his efforts and  
21 contributions to our state.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
23 the members of this body recognize and commend Michael L. Thurmond upon his  
24 recognition as the Georgia Public Library's 2023 Service Library Champion of the Year and  
25 extend best wishes for continued success.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
27 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to  
28 Michael L. Thurmond.