

House Resolution 1453

By: Representative Smith of the 70<sup>th</sup>

### A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating and commending the Whitesburg Public Library on the grand occasion of its  
2 10th anniversary; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, under the guiding hand of the Whitesburg community and the exemplary work  
4 ethic demonstrated daily by the citizens surrounding it, the Whitesburg Public Library has  
5 grown from its humble beginnings on March 31, 2008, followed with six years of  
6 fundraising, to becoming an established and wonderful beacon within the Whitesburg  
7 community; and

8 WHEREAS, this year, Whitesburg Public Library enjoys the wonderful distinction of  
9 celebrating its 10th anniversary; and

10 WHEREAS, the Whitesburg Public Library was founded for the purpose of changing lives  
11 within the community for the better, and it does so by reaching children and adults who  
12 previously had limited or no access to a library and by enhancing education as Partners in  
13 Education with Whitesburg Elementary School; and

14 WHEREAS, the library has become a gathering place for members of the community,  
15 offering entertainment, computers with high-speed Internet access, educational opportunities,  
16 special programs, story times and a Lego wall for children, movie screenings on Sunday  
17 afternoons, and free tutoring services offered by retired teachers; and

18 WHEREAS, at the inception of the new library, the Rural Library Project, Inc., a tax exempt  
19 nonprofit organization, provided over five years of pro bono consulting services to  
20 Whitesburg, Georgia, and to the Friends of the Whitesburg Public Library in the areas of  
21 energy-efficient building design, construction management, and fundraising, as well as  
22 furnishing and equipping the library; and

23 WHEREAS, the Friends also operates a used bookstore known as Harvey's House of Books,  
24 which offers 30 volunteers an opportunity to contribute to the library and the community as  
25 a whole; and

26 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this  
27 extraordinary library, and the inspiration it has bestowed upon other small communities who  
28 desire to better the lives of their citizens, be appropriately recognized.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
30 the members of this body congratulate the Whitesburg Public Library on the grand occasion  
31 of its 10th anniversary, commend its many outstanding contributions on behalf of the citizens  
32 of Georgia, and extend best wishes for its continued growth, development, and success.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
34 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the  
35 Whitesburg Public Library.