

## House Resolution 847

By: Representatives Nguyen of the 89<sup>th</sup>, Dreyer of the 59<sup>th</sup>, Anulewicz of the 42<sup>nd</sup>, Cannon of the 58<sup>th</sup>, Ballinger of the 23<sup>rd</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the contributions of independent bookstores in Georgia and recognizing April  
2 27, 2019, as Independent Bookstore Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, according to the American Booksellers Association, independent bookstores  
4 have grown by 35 percent countrywide from 2009 to 2015; and

5 WHEREAS, independent bookstores in the state promote and highlight the voices of Atlanta,  
6 Georgia, and Southern literature; and

7 WHEREAS, Georgia's bookstores, including A Cappella Books, Atlanta Vintage Bookstores,  
8 Charis, and For Keeps have contributed to their communities; and

9 WHEREAS, independent bookstores give back to their local communities by paying taxes,  
10 hiring local workers, being loyal to customers, hosting community events, and tailoring their  
11 selections to the desires and needs of residents; and

12 WHEREAS, these unique and niche places provide a real sense of connection and foster a  
13 sense of community; and

14 WHEREAS, independent bookstores provide opportunities to collaborate with other local  
15 businesses, integrating various sectors within Georgia's neighborhoods; and

16 WHEREAS, these small businesses invite and host acclaimed authors and industry  
17 professionals; and

18 WHEREAS, independent bookstores encourage reading across all ages and promote reading  
19 at a young age, nurturing the creativity, culturing, and education of Georgia youth and  
20 residents; and

21 WHEREAS, many independent bookstores in Georgia strive for social justice and support  
22 the work of activists; and

23 WHEREAS, independent bookstores are fixtures in the neighborhoods they serve, supporting  
24 the core values of community, creativity, convening, civility, and contact; and

25 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the service and efforts of independent  
26 bookstores across Georgia be appropriately recognized.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
28 the members of this body commend the contributions of independent bookstores in Georgia  
29 and recognize April 27, 2019, as Independent Bookstore Day at the state capitol.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
31 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the  
32 public and the press.