

## Senate Resolution 274

By: Senators Seay of the 34th and Davenport of the 44th

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Carol Stewart on the occasion of her retirement; and for other  
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Carol Stewart, Clayton County Library System Director for more than 30 years,  
4 has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the vital role that she has played in  
5 leadership and her deep personal commitment to the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, before working in metropolitan Atlanta libraries, she was a librarian in  
7 Memphis, Tennessee; and she earned a bachelor's degree in English from Florida Atlantic  
8 University and a master's degree in Library Science from Florida State University; and

9 WHEREAS, she was hired by Clayton County's library board in 1980 and soon the county's  
10 library system was born, making her the first and only person to serve as its Director; and

11 WHEREAS, her first major accomplishment after creating the Clayton County Library  
12 System was overseeing the planning and construction of the headquarters branch, which  
13 opened in 1988; and subsequently, she planned and oversaw construction of branches in  
14 Morrow, Riverdale, Lovejoy, and Forest Park; and

15 WHEREAS, Carol Stewart also oversaw the growth in the amount of materials, including  
16 new technology in the libraries, available to the people of Clayton County, going from  
17 170,000 items in 1980 to 477,420 in 2010; and

18 WHEREAS, she has been a wonderful asset to the Clayton County Library System, making  
19 sure to extend its service to every person; and

20 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding career and  
21 accomplishments of this remarkable individual be appropriately recognized.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
23 commend Carol Stewart for her efficient, effective, unselfish, and dedicated public service  
24 as Clayton County Library System Director and extend to her their most sincere best wishes  
25 for continued health and happiness.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
27 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Carol Stewart.