

Senate Resolution 446

By: Senators Hickman of the 4th, Kennedy of the 18th, Dixon of the 45th, Gooch of the 51st and Tillery of the 19th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Malcolm Mitchell; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Malcolm Mitchell, a native of Valdosta, Georgia, has been recognized as the
3 National Captain of the Allstate Good Works Team as a result of his frequent visits to
4 elementary schools to read to students and his love for literacy; and

5 WHEREAS, Malcolm Mitchell has authored several children's books, two of which led to
6 him being awarded the title of the Children's' Author of the Year by the Georgia Writers
7 Association in 2016 and 2019, and he has signed a three-book contract with the Scholastic
8 Publishing Company; and

9 WHEREAS, Malcolm Mitchell's love for literacy prompted him to create the Read with
10 Malcolm youth literacy initiative in 2015 and the Share the Magic Foundation in 2016 with
11 the purpose of transforming children's lives through literacy and inspiring young people to
12 read through providing students in Title 1 schools with book ownership; and

13 WHEREAS, since the founding of the Share the Magic Foundation, it has given books to
14 over 150,000 young readers and 88.3 percent of the foundation's funds are used to directly
15 support youth literacy in underserved communities and this initiative has led to increased

16 reading minutes, readers being empowered to strive for success, and more students passing
17 accelerated reading tests; and

18 WHEREAS, the Read with Malcolm initiative has both in-school programs that provide
19 children with copies of Malcolm Mitchell's books and lesson plans for teachers and
20 pep-rallies to raise morale as well as virtual programs that encourage reading endurance and
21 help mitigate the learning loss that occurs during summer break, and participants in the
22 program have collectively read over 284 million minutes both in and outside of the
23 classrooms; and

24 WHEREAS, Malcolm Mitchell has been named by the University of Georgia as one of the
25 school's "40 under 40" for his literacy efforts; was honored at the twentieth anniversary of
26 the President's Summit for America's Future and received the Promise Hero Award from
27 Colin Powell for his contributions to America's youth; his contributions to individuals who
28 struggle with dyslexia and other related reading struggles led to him being the recipient of
29 the Pinnacle Award from The International Dyslexia Association; and he now serves as CEO
30 of the Share the Magic Foundation and has been appointed to the Georgia Council on
31 Literacy as a result of his literacy initiatives; and

32 WHEREAS, Malcolm Mitchell's story has been told in many schools in order to encourage
33 students to embrace the importance of reading and to encourage more young Americans to
34 read.

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
36 recognize and commend Malcolm Mitchell for his many efforts to promote literacy.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
38 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Malcolm Mitchell.