

Senate Resolution 562

By: Senators Hatchett of the 50th, Strickland of the 17th, Gooch of the 51st, Kennedy of the 18th, Echols of the 49th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing February 7, 2024, as Read Aloud Day; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, literacy serves as the cornerstone of educational and developmental growth,
3 fostering critical thinking and creativity among individuals of all ages as well as empowering
4 communities to thrive in an ever-changing world; and

5 WHEREAS, World Read Aloud Day, celebrated annually on the first Wednesday in
6 February, this year being on February 7, highlights the transformative power of reading
7 aloud, encouraging a lifelong love for literature and learning; and

8 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia commemorates the birthday of the late First Lady Sandra
9 Deal, who demonstrated an unwavering commitment to promoting literacy and education
10 throughout this state by actively engaging children in the joy of reading through her frequent
11 visits to schools and libraries in every school district in the state, where she shared stories
12 and continues to inspire generations; and

13 WHEREAS, Mrs. Deal's dedication to reading aloud to children exemplified her belief in the
14 transformative power of literacy, instilling in those she read to a passion for learning and a
15 deep appreciation for the world of books and imagination; and

16 WHEREAS, on World Read Aloud Day, the State of Georgia celebrates the educational and
17 developmental opportunities afforded by literacy and remembers the impact and tireless
18 advocacy for children's literacy and education of Mrs. Sandra Deal; and

19 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia encourages its citizens to join together to read aloud on this
20 day and every day.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
22 recognize February 7, 2024, as Read Aloud Day.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
24 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the public and the
25 press.