

Senate Resolution 606

By: Senators Islam Parkes of the 7th, Merritt of the 9th, Jackson of the 41st, Esteves of the 6th, Harbison of the 15th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Preface Project and its founder, Jonathan Sung An
2 Terrence "JT" Wu; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Preface Project is an award-winning, Georgia-based nonprofit organization
4 operating nationally that has increased early childhood literacy rates by empowering high
5 school student "Ambassadors" of all backgrounds to read with and mentor young students
6 in multiple languages at no cost to schools; and

7 WHEREAS, now entering its fifth year, the Preface Project has positively contributed to the
8 preservation of the American Dream by donating thousands of diverse, brand-new, and
9 educator approved children's books to teachers and schools across our state and nation; and

10 WHEREAS, the Preface Project and its volunteers have impacted thousands of lives by
11 supercharging early literacy in local classrooms and helping teachers bring young students
12 from functional illiteracy to reading on track or above grade level; and

13 WHEREAS, its founder, Jonathan Sung An Terrence "JT" Wu, is a proud lifelong Georgian
14 and Gwinnett County native who has diligently served the State of Georgia and its next
15 generation through his philanthropic endeavors in education and childhood literacy; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Wu continues to volunteer his time and efforts to advance education and
17 learning for the next generation, including his service as the chairman of the Gwinnett
18 County Public Library Board of Trustees which oversees the largest circulating system in the
19 Peach State; and

20 WHEREAS, being himself the child of immigrants who came to the United States to pursue
21 educational opportunities and the American Dream, Mr. Wu has dedicated innumerable
22 hours of his time and energy toward the development of early childhood literacy both
23 nationally and in the State of Georgia during his career; and

24 WHEREAS, this illustrious organization and distinguished gentleman have given inspiration
25 and the gift of reading to many through their philanthropic vision, unimpeachable integrity,
26 and deep concern for the next generation of their fellow citizens; and

27 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this outstanding organization and
28 noteworthy Georgian be appropriately honored.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
30 recognize and commend the Preface Project and Jonathan "JT" Wu on behalf of the State of
31 Georgia for their many valuable contributions to early childhood literacy, educational
32 philanthropy, and the next generation of students and do extend sincere best wishes for future
33 health and happiness.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
35 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the Preface Project,
36 Jonathan "JT" Wu, and the public and the press.