

## House Resolution 180

By: Representatives Erwin of the 32<sup>nd</sup>, Ballard of the 147<sup>th</sup>, Wade of the 9<sup>th</sup>, Barton of the 5<sup>th</sup>,  
Cheokas of the 151<sup>st</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Georgia Reads Coach Malcolm Mitchell; and for other  
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, literacy skills are necessary for life and work; improving literacy in all age  
4 groups is a moral imperative and necessary for Georgia's workforce and thriving economy;  
5 and

6 WHEREAS, in 2023, the General Assembly recognized the importance of literacy with the  
7 passage of two bills: SB 211, which created the Georgia Council on Literacy, and HB 538,  
8 which required comprehensive education reforms for reading instruction in the science of  
9 reading; and

10 WHEREAS, the Georgia Council on Literacy and its 30 members began work on July 1,  
11 2023, monitoring the implementation of the Early Literacy Act, reviewing literacy data  
12 among various populations, and creating Georgia's 2030 State Literacy Plan with the goal  
13 of becoming the state with the greatest literacy gains in the country and ensuring that every  
14 child is a reader, every teacher is prepared, and every community is supported; and

15 WHEREAS, Malcolm Mitchell, Super Bowl champion, author, and speaker, was named the  
16 Georgia Reads Coach by the Georgia Council on Literacy and was tasked by the council to  
17 help Georgia reach its goal of all citizens possessing the literacy skills essential for both  
18 workforce and daily life; and

19 WHEREAS, founder of the Share the Magic Foundation and player for both the University  
20 of Georgia Bulldogs and New England Patriots, Malcolm has demonstrated his energy,  
21 dedication, and commitment to inspiring kids to read; and

22 WHEREAS, through in-school programs, virtual challenges, and community partner  
23 programs, the Share the Magic Foundation has reached students not only in Atlanta and  
24 across Georgia but also in all 50 states and in 17 countries; and

25 WHEREAS, Malcolm's ability to connect with young students makes his Read with Malcolm  
26 programs effective in motivating children to read, parents to serve as role models, and  
27 communities to join in turning around the state's literacy challenges and turning the page to  
28 a brighter future for all Georgians.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
30 the members of this body recognize and commend Georgia Reads Coach Malcolm Mitchell  
31 for his important work in using literacy to empower individuals to find successful careers,  
32 keep healthy, and contribute to their family and community.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
34 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to  
35 Georgia Reads Coach Malcolm Mitchell.