

House Resolution 456

By: Representatives Collins of the 68th, Nix of the 69th, Boddie of the 62nd, Gravley of the 67th, and Alexander of the 66th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing Mr. Leroy Childs for exemplary service to public libraries in the State of
2 Georgia; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Childs was an exceptional citizen who faithfully served the communities
4 of Carroll, Douglas, Haralson, Heard, and Paulding counties for decades; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Childs was appointed director of the West Georgia Regional Library
6 System in 1977 and where he served until 1987; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Childs was the first African-American who served as a public library
8 director in Georgia; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Childs served on countless committees and boards dedicated to improving
10 and advancing all libraries as institutions for life-long learning in Georgia; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Childs served as mentor and counselor to young librarians, public library
12 directors, academic librarians, and school librarians by providing the benefit of his
13 experience to generations during and following his tenure; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Childs was a vigorous advocate and champion for public libraries and
15 librarianship throughout Georgia and the southeast; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Childs exemplified the meanings of a gentle man and a gentleman; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Childs was wise and generous with his advice to all colleagues; and

18 WHEREAS, it is an honor to recognize Mr. Leroy Childs for his efforts and contributions
19 to our state and citizens.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
21 the members of this body commend the late Mr. Leroy Childs, and extend to his family, its
22 appreciation for his efficient, selfless, and dedicated public service to the State of Georgia,
23 and further extend to his family their most sincere gratitude for Mr. Childs' service and
24 dedication to mentees, colleagues, library patrons, and the State of Georgia.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
26 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available to the Childs' family.