

Senate Resolution 107

By: Senators Echols of the 49th, Summers of the 13th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Goodman of the 8th, Strickland of the 17th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing February 8, 2023, as Public Library Day at the state capitol; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, there are 410 public libraries that serve every county in the State of Georgia;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, there were more than 13.7 million in-person visits and more than 23 million
6 online visits in 2022 to Georgia public libraries; and

7 WHEREAS, in 2022, there were 30 million books, media, and materials checked out of
8 public libraries, with an average of 82,000 materials checked out every day; and

9 WHEREAS, 1.1 million children attended public reading times in libraries across the state
10 in 2022; and

11 WHEREAS, Georgia's public libraries partner with Zoo Atlanta, the Fox Theatre Institute,
12 the Georgia Commission on the Holocaust, the Atlanta Hawks, Georgia State Parks, the
13 Michael C. Carlos Museum, and the Center for Puppetry Arts to provide free programming
14 and fun to Georgia citizens; and

15 WHEREAS, the B4 Early Literacy Initiative encourages children to read 1,000 books before
16 kindergarten and has had tremendous success and participation throughout all of Georgia and
17 further encourages families to engage with their children's early learning.

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
19 recognize February 8, 2023, as Public Library Day at the state capitol and support and
20 encourage all Georgians to utilize this state's public library resources.

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