

## Concurrent Resolution

Whereas, the South Carolina General Assembly in Act 564 of 1978 found “that county public libraries make a substantial contribution to the education and recreation of the residents of the State and merit the continued interest and support of State and local government; and

Whereas, public libraries contribute significantly to the overall quality of life of all South Carolinians; and

Whereas, today’s public libraries utilize new and emerging technologies to provide access to a wealth of informational resources and services; and

Whereas, public libraries play a vital role in fostering literacy in our communities; and

Whereas, over 2.3 million people are registered library users; and

Whereas over 19.8 million people visited South Carolina’s public libraries in FY2006; and

Whereas over 21.5 million books and other materials were borrowed; and

Whereas 637,440 children were in attendance at 22,123 children’s programs; and

Whereas a recent study by the University of South Carolina, School of Library and Information Science reported that every dollar invested in our public libraries results in a return of investment of \$4.48;

Now therefore be it resolved by the House of Representatives with the Senate concurring that January 31, 2008 be declared Public Library Appreciation Day in South Carolina; and;

Be it further resolved that the people of South Carolina avail themselves of the many rich services provided by our public libraries to meet their educational, informational, and recreational needs.