

Senate Resolution 635

By: Senator Paul of the 40th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending North Springs High School Music Department; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Fulton County has been named one of the 100 best communities for music
3 education by the American Music Conference, and North Springs High School is a magnet
4 school for arts and sciences in the Fulton County School System; and

5 WHEREAS, the North Springs High School (NSHS) Music Department was established with
6 the mission to provide its students with a superior educational experience in music
7 appreciation, performance, theory, and history; and

8 WHEREAS, the NSHS Music Department presently has more than 250 students participating
9 in its music magnet program, music ensembles, and music performance groups; and

10 WHEREAS, Georgia Music Educators Association (GMEA) recognized the commitment and
11 ability of NSHS band students who participated in the GMEA District Solo and Ensemble
12 Festival, by awarding a perfect score to the band in the District Band Festival; awarding
13 Superior or Excellent ratings to four band students and 21 orchestra students; and awarding
14 17 chorale students with Superior ratings; and by selecting five students to the 2001 All-State
15 Orchestra; and

16 WHEREAS, Georgia Association of Jazz Educators have recognized the commitment and
17 abilities of NSHS jazz music students by naming one student to the 2001 All State Jazz
18 Ensemble; and

19 WHEREAS, nine NSHS music students have demonstrated their interest and commitment
20 to music education by qualifying as semifinalists in the 2002 Governor's Honor Program for
21 music; and

1 WHEREAS, the NSHS Music Department is proud to have some of its students selected to
2 be members of the Atlanta Symphony Youth Orchestra, the Buckhead Youth Orchestra, the
3 Metropolitan Youth Orchestra, and to have some of its students selected to attend the Florida
4 State University Tri State Band Festival and the University of Georgia Band Festival; and

5 WHEREAS, the NSHS Music Department is supported by: the Fulton County Board of
6 Education, under the leadership of Superintendent Dr. Stephen D. Dolinger and Music
7 Administrator Jay R. Wucher; the NSHS School Administration, under the leadership of
8 Peter Zervakos, Principal, and Yvette Greene, Magnet Administrator; and the dedicated
9 music faculty including Tim Aucoin, Department Chairman, Michael Walsh, Sandy Estes,
10 Kelly Ballantine, Van Craven, Andy Svoboda, and Mary Lynn Ryland; and

11 WHEREAS, the NSHS Music Department is supported in its community by more than 90
12 families and 35 local businesses who have contributed financially to support the program
13 with the purchase of new instruments and equipment, and provision of refreshments, meals,
14 uniforms, and transportation; and

15 WHEREAS, the GRAMMY Foundation, part of the National Academy of Recording Arts
16 and Sciences, annually evaluates more than 18,000 high schools nationwide for their music
17 curriculum, performing repertoire, concert programs, music budgets, concert recordings, and
18 other factors that demonstrate the quality of their music program; and

19 WHEREAS, the GRAMMY Foundation recognizes only the top 100 high schools in
20 America for their commitment to excellence in music education; and

21 WHEREAS, the GRAMMY Foundation has concluded that the NSHS Music Department
22 has demonstrated the highest level of commitment to excellence in their music education
23 program and therefore has designated North Springs High School as a "GRAMMY
24 SIGNATURE SCHOOL."

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
26 commend, congratulate, and extend best wishes for future success to the North Springs High
27 School Music Department.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
29 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to North Springs High School Music
30 Department.