

## House Resolution 1164

By: Representatives Wilkinson of the 43<sup>rd</sup> and Willard of the 44<sup>th</sup>

## 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 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
26 the members of this body commend, congratulate, and extend best wishes for future success  
27 to the North Springs High School Music Department.

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