

Senate Resolution 666

By: Senators Seabaugh of the 28th and Lee of the 29th

ADOPTED SENATE

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Charles William Wadsworth; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Charles William Wadsworth is internationally renowned as a pianist, composer,
3 and music director who has been a teacher, mentor, and personal champion to many classical
4 musicians and brought tremendous honor to Georgia, his native state; and

5 WHEREAS, he was born in Barnesville and moved with his parents as an infant to Newnan
6 where he was raised by his fiddle playing father and a mother who sang in the choir at
7 Newnan Presbyterian Church; studied piano; and gave his first recital next door to his home
8 in the Wadsworth Auditorium, now named in his honor; and

9 WHEREAS, a 1946 graduate of Newnan High School, he traveled to Atlanta, studied with
10 Hugh Hodgson whom he followed to the University of Georgia for two years, and completed
11 his studies at the Julliard School of Music where he earned his bachelor's and master's
12 degrees in piano and also studied in Europe; and

13 WHEREAS, in 1969, he began the Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center which he led
14 for 20 years; and under his direction the Society gave more than 1000 concerts, performed
15 more than 700 works by more than 200 composers, and commissioned 65 of the 70 new
16 works that received their premier performance with the Society; and

17 WHEREAS, in 1977 he established the Spoleto USA Festival in Charleston and created
18 engaging programs to interest the public in classical music and voice; and

19 WHEREAS, he has performed at the White House for five presidents, opened the Spoleto
20 USA Festival, hosted *Live from Lincoln Center*, and commanded respect and admiration on
21 the world's musical stage; and he honors his state and community with his presence at benefit
22 concerts in the Newnan auditorium named for this exceptionally talented, generous man.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
2 recognize and commend the very distinguished Georgian, Charles William Wadsworth, and
3 convey to him their utmost respect and admiration.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
5 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Wadsworth.