

Senate Resolution 212

By: Senator Stephens of the 51st

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Pickens County Middle School Honor Band and Directors Mary Land and
2 Jamie Smith; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Pickens County Middle School bands have grown to a current number of
4 400 students (40 percent of the student population) and an Honor Band of 92 members; and

5 WHEREAS, the band program now consists of beginning band, concert band, honor band,
6 and pep band, and all students have been afforded every opportunity to reach their full
7 potential as musicians and they have responded with a constant pursuit of excellence,
8 dedication, and determination; and

9 WHEREAS, Pickens County Middle School bands have consistently received superior
10 ratings at the Georgia Music Educators Band Festivals and have performed at the National
11 Gifted Conference in 1995, the opening session at the Georgia State Capitol in 1996, the
12 CNN Christmas Gala in 1996, Southern Star Music Festival in 1998 and 1999 (Gold Award),
13 and the University of Georgia's Middle School Band Festival in 1999; and

14 WHEREAS, the Honor Band was selected as the outstanding middle school band in the state
15 and performed at the Georgia Music Educators Association Conference on January 26, 2001;
16 was the only middle school band performing at the Southern Division Music Educators
17 Association on February 9, 2001; and has received an invitation to play in a national band
18 symposium at Troy State University in 2001; and

19 WHEREAS, the most important aspect of the band is the effect on student development and
20 teachers and parents have observed that once a student becomes involved in the band and
21 experiences the enthusiasm, challenges, recognition, and sense of pride, he or she quickly
22 becomes more interested in other subjects and experiences a noticeable improvement in his
23 or her academic performance.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
2 commend the Pickens County Middle School Honor Band and its directors, Mrs. Mary Land
3 and Mr. Jamie Smith, for their many accomplishments and contributions.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
5 to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to Mrs. Mary Land and Mr. Jamie Smith,
6 Directors of the Pickens County Middle School Honor Band.