

House Resolution 711

By: Representatives Orrock of the 51st, Benfield of the 56th, Post 1, Henson of the 55th, Teper of the 42nd, Post 1, Oliver of the 56th, Post 2, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the DeKalb Choral Guild; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, the DeKalb Choral Guild is celebrating its 25th year of providing high quality
3 choral music to the Atlanta area and the State of Georgia is proud to be the home of such an
4 acclaimed chorus that makes a substantial contribution to the arts community; and

5 WHEREAS, the Guild represents the finest tradition of classical and contemporary choral
6 music and it offers the public a wide range of musical genre and rich program selections; and

7 WHEREAS, the Guild has developed into one of the finest community choruses in the state
8 under the leadership of its three directors and accompanist: founder William O. Baker, who
9 led the Guild, 1978-1992; Mary Evelyn Root, who led the Guild, 1992-2000; current director
10 Bryan F. Black, who led the Guild since 2000; and pianist Leanne Elmer Herrmann, who has
11 accompanied the Guild since 1988; and

12 WHEREAS, the DeKalb Choral Guild is part of the Artists in Residence program at
13 Oglethorpe University and its educational mission contributes significantly to the opportunity
14 for citizens and visitors to expand their musical education and appreciation.

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
16 this body commends the members of the DeKalb Choral Guild for their talent and dedication,
17 recognizes their exceptional music staff, and congratulates the Guild on its 25th anniversary.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
19 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to Mr. Baker, Mr. Black, Ms.
20 Root, and Mrs. Herrmann.