

## Senate Resolution 849

By: Senators Clay of the 37th, Lamutt of the 21st and Tanksley of the 32nd

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Durham Middle School Eighth Grade Symphonic Band and its directors;  
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Durham Middle School Eighth Grade Symphonic Band, led by Michelle  
4 Rickard, Director of Bands, and Jay Asher, Associate Director of Bands, was one of only  
5 four bands in Georgia selected to participate in the University of Georgia's Middle School  
6 Band Festival held in Athens, in December, 2003; and

7 WHEREAS, the performing highlights of that evening included "Salute to the Duke" with  
8 guest conductor Peter Witte, chair of the music department and director of instrumental  
9 music at Kennesaw State University, and "Gemeinhardt Suite" with guest soloist Nick  
10 DiCillo, a junior at Kennesaw Mountain High School; and

11 WHEREAS, in addition to a standing ovation from the audience, Band Director Michelle  
12 Rickard was presented with the National Band Association's "Citation of Excellence," an  
13 award given only to the top band directors in the nation; and

14 WHEREAS, this band has received superior ratings at annual Georgia Music Educators  
15 Association band festivals and maintained an active performance schedule across the  
16 Southeast and metropolitan Atlanta, including an exchange concert at the Historic Douglass  
17 Theater in Macon, a public service concert at the Tennessee Aquarium Pavilion in  
18 Chattanooga, and a performance at Pops in the Park sponsored by Harrison High School  
19 Band; and

20 WHEREAS, the band members are Sarah Alter, Elizabeth Brown, Justine Chabucos, Haley  
21 Diget, Courtney Ebert, Lauren Koester, Justin Murray, Danielle Pitts, Megan Thomas, Paige  
22 Thompson, and Katy Wood (flutes); Laura McGee (oboe); Chris Soyars and Amber Turner  
23 (bassoons); Sarah Caffrey, Alex Cates, Morgan Helton, Youngjik Kim, Jonathan Linn, Blaik  
24 Paris, and Audrey Whittle (clarinets); Timothy Brodeur, Nathan Ellingson, and Isaac Rose

1 (bass clarinets); Daniel Finnegan, Joseph Fontane, Jessica Mikolowsky, Nick Rotondo, and  
2 Rachel Shuffield (alto saxophones); Peter Jones (tenor saxophone); Jeremy Jose and Andrew  
3 Varela (baritone saxophones); Tim Allen, Joey Bakos, Kyle Beaman, Brandon Carrillo, Joey  
4 Dolensky, Andrew Ibay, Tyler Jones, and A.J Reynolds (trumpets); Dave Adams, Carolyn  
5 Borough, Sarah Giarratana, and Lindsey Kerns (French horns); Austin Harvey, David  
6 Janeira, Jonathan Morgan, Timmy Mulligan, and Tyler Strub (trombones); Melissa  
7 Drummond (euphonium); Jeffrey Moon (tuba); Carter Black, Marshall Brown, David  
8 Chabucos, Mark Hansen, Ricky Mewborn, Chris Rickard, and Jay Smith (percussion).

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
10 commend the Durham Middle School Eighth Grade Symphonic Band and its directors,  
11 Michelle Rickard and Jay Asher.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
13 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Durham Middle School.