

## House Resolution 225

By: Representatives Ashe of the 56<sup>th</sup>, Gardner of the 57<sup>th</sup>, Coleman of the 97<sup>th</sup>, and Oliver of the 83<sup>rd</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing the vital impact of public education on our democratic society and commending  
2 THE QUEST for Public Education, Inc. ("THE QUEST") for its role in promoting public  
3 involvement in the process of public education; and for other purposes.
- 4 WHEREAS, public education is the foundation of social democracy and serves as one of our  
5 country's premier public institutions; and
- 6 WHEREAS, one of the major purposes of public education is the cultivation of a thoughtful  
7 and informed citizenry, ready and capable of contributing in the public arena of ideas and  
8 civic responsibilities; and
- 9 WHEREAS, public education also fulfills the important role of providing a literate, skilled,  
10 and productive work force to meet the ever-growing needs of our businesses and  
11 communities; and
- 12 WHEREAS, in the State of Georgia, public education serves 1,513,521 students annually,  
13 representing 92 percent of all students (Kindergarten through twelfth grade) in the state; and
- 14 WHEREAS, THE QUEST was established with the goals of celebrating public education's  
15 accomplishments and encouraging renewed public commitment to the education of our  
16 community's children; and
- 17 WHEREAS, in celebration of public education, THE QUEST is producing a daylong musical  
18 concert to be held in Centennial Olympic Park that will highlight the importance of music  
19 as a proven and essential tool for educational success; and
- 20 WHEREAS, in addition to THE QUEST'S concert, THE QUEST will create continuing  
21 opportunities for musical education in public schools through a program of grants for public

1 school music teachers and through the provision of musical instruments to qualified public  
2 school students.

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
4 this body recognizes the benefits and importance of public education and encourages all  
5 citizens, businesses, and civic organizations to commit their time, energy, and resources to  
6 support the important work of Georgia's public schools.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body commends THE QUEST for serving as a  
8 transforming force in the process of focusing community awareness and resources on public  
9 education.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
11 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to THE QUEST and to the  
12 public and the press.