

House Resolution 892

By: Representative Ralston of the 7th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring Elden Moates and Wanda Moates upon the occasion of their retirement; and for
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, after 30 years, Elden Moates and Wanda Moates will retire as music education
4 teachers and band directors in the Fannin County school system at the end of the 2004-2005
5 academic year; and

6 WHEREAS, after beginning their teaching careers in Fannin County in 1975, Elden Moates
7 and Wanda Moates have become leaders in music education in Georgia and have established
8 the band programs in Fannin County as the best in the State of Georgia; and

9 WHEREAS, under their direction, Fannin County bands have earned hundreds of superior
10 ratings at festivals and competitions and have been invited to be guest performers at Disney
11 World, the National Adjudicators Invitational, the White House, the State Capitol of Georgia,
12 and at concerts in the Bahamas, Hawaii, and in London, England; and

13 WHEREAS, in addition, the band received the Grand Championship Trophy for the
14 American Music Bowl; and

15 WHEREAS, both Elden Moates and Wanda Moates have been recognized by their peers as
16 adjudicators and clinicians for bands in the Southeastern United States, and Elden Moates
17 is former president of the Georgia Music Educators Association and past chairman of the
18 state instrumental division; and

19 WHEREAS, Elden Moates and Wanda Moates have built a tradition of excellence for the
20 Fannin County band programs and have left in each of their students a great legacy built on
21 hard work, discipline, and high standards, which have not only enhanced and brought out the
22 best in the talent of each, but have made for better citizens.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
2 the members of this body salute and pay tribute to Elden Moates and Wanda Moates for their
3 outstanding career and leadership of the Fannin County band programs, and wish them well
4 upon the occasion of their retirement.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
6 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to Elden Moates and Wanda
7 Moates.