

House Resolution 631

By: Representative Dempsey of the 13th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Rome Symphony Orchestra on the occasion of its 85th
2 anniversary celebration; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, as the oldest symphony in the South, the Rome Symphony Orchestra celebrates
4 its 85th year since its inaugural concert on May 11, 1921, featuring a program of Strauss
5 waltzes and the Overture to Weber's "Der Freischutz" among other selections; and

6 WHEREAS, the symphony disbanded during the years of World War II, but was reorganized
7 in 1944 by Dr. Wilbur Rowand, Jack Kranyik, and Director Helen Dean Rhodes, who carried
8 the symphony until 1976, when the baton was passed to John Carruth, who led the orchestra
9 until his retirement in 1995; and

10 WHEREAS, under Mr. Carruth's direction, the orchestra experienced tremendous growth,
11 and since that time, the Rome Symphony Orchestra has continued to enrich the cultural life
12 of Georgia with a tradition of musical excellence; and

13 WHEREAS, the Rome Symphony Orchestra is committed to presenting world-class
14 performances, maintaining a diverse repertoire, providing opportunities for area musicians,
15 cultivating and expanding musical appreciation, offering educational musical experiences for
16 all ages, and enhancing community pride and vitality; and

17 WHEREAS, on March 31, 2007, the Rome Symphony Orchestra will host its 85th
18 Anniversary Gala, featuring a performance by violinist Jun Iwasaki and an orchestral
19 performance of Khachaturian's *Spartacus Suite No. 2*; Schubert's *Symphony No. 8, D. 759*,
20 *B-minor, "Unfinished"*; and Weber's "Der Freischutz" in honor of the symphony's first
21 concert in 1921; and

22 WHEREAS, the concert will be followed by an 85th Anniversary Champagne Celebration
23 at Coosa Country Club; and

1 WHEREAS, the arts are an indispensable part of life in Georgia, and the Rome Symphony
2 Orchestra has amazed several generations of Georgians with consistently high quality
3 performances year after year.

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
5 the members of this body recognize the Rome Symphony Orchestra on the occasion of its
6 85th anniversary celebration, commend its long tradition of musical excellence, and extend
7 their sincerest best wishes for the symphony's continued success.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
9 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Rome Symphony
10 Orchestra.