

Senate Resolution 597

By: Senator Thomas of the 2nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Savannah Arts Academy's Music Department; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, the Savannah Arts Academy's Silver Winds Ensemble and SkyeLite Jazz Band
3 was formed in August 1998 under the direction of Michael E. Hutchinson, Ed. S., as two of
4 the major ensembles in the Savannah Arts Academy's Music Department; and

5 WHEREAS, the Savannah Arts Academy's Music Department Silver Winds Ensemble has
6 produced a number of Georgia Music Educators Association All-State Band Members,
7 including: Jaron McCarr, Mark Spradley, Nancy Ryerson, Amanda Barrow, Cherylann
8 Vega-Velez, Tung Vu, Takako Komo, Diana Lugmewa, Lena Ausby, Emily Spradley,
9 Gregory Hammontree, William Reese, Brandon Kaufman, Kelli Horton, Monika Warchol,
10 Clare Brennan, Theresa Ward, Kevin Klingmeyer, Colin Agnew, Matthew Sikes, Alex
11 Nguyen, Mary Parsons, Jamie Holmes, Meghan Crampton, Robert Stringer, Michael Fahey,
12 and Elizabeth Haworth; and

13 WHEREAS, the Savannah Arts Academy's Music Department SkyeLite Jazz Band has also
14 produced a number of Georgia Music Educators Association All-State Jazz Band Members,
15 including: Jaron McCarr, Mark Spradley, Branden Polk, Gregory Hammontree, Emily
16 Spradley, Tyler Moore, Colin Agnew, Chris Sather, Alex Nguyen, Jamie Holmes, and
17 Andrae Murchison; and

18 WHEREAS, the members of the Silver Winds Ensemble, while attending the Georgia Music
19 Educators Association First District Performance Evaluation Festival at Armstrong Atlantic
20 State University, earned Thirty Five Superior Ratings and One Excellent Rating from
21 adjudicators in performance and sight-reading; and

22 WHEREAS, members of the band have earned scholarships to Oberlin Conservatory,
23 Columbus State University, Armstrong Atlantic State University, Morris Brown College,
24 Clark Atlanta University, Mercer University, Georgia Southern University, Georgia State

1 University, Savannah State University, West Georgia State University, University of Florida
2 Community College, Howard University, Michigan University, University of North Florida,
3 Lake Forest College, and New England Conservatory, totaling over half a million dollars;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, conductor Michael E. Hutchinson was selected as Savannah Arts Academy's
6 2003 Teacher of the Year; and

7 WHEREAS, the music of the Silver Winds Ensemble and SkyeLite Jazz Band is truly a balm
8 for the wounded spirit, hope for the discouraged, magic for the dreamer, as beautiful and
9 valuable as silver, and as powerful as the wind.

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
11 commend the Savannah Arts Academy's Music Department's Silver Winds Ensemble and
12 Skyelite Jazz Band for their outstanding performances and tremendous achievements and
13 extend their best wishes for continued success.

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
15 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Savannah Arts Academy's Music
16 Department Chair Dianne Gardner.