

Senate Resolution 899

By: Senator Thomas of the 2nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Savannah Arts Academy's Silver Winds Ensemble; and for other purposes.

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

5 WHEREAS, the Silver Winds Ensemble was invited by Frank Ticheli to perform the world
6 premiere of a commissioned Ticheli Composition in the Sidney Opera House and will travel
7 to Sidney, Australia, June 30, 2008, for the performance; and

8 WHEREAS, the National Band Association awarded Director Michael E. Hutchinson a
9 "Citation of Excellence" for an Outstanding Contribution to Bands and Band Music,
10 February 2, 2008, in Troy, Alabama; and

11 WHEREAS, the members of the Silver Winds Ensemble were invited to perform at the 35th
12 Southeastern United States Concert Band Clinic and Honor Bands, and after the performance
13 at the 35th Southeastern United States Concert Band Clinic and Honor Bands, received an
14 award for Outstanding Performance; and

15 WHEREAS, sixty-one members of Silver Winds Ensemble were selected as members of the
16 2008 Georgia Music Educators Association District One Honor Band; and

17 WHEREAS, nine members of the Silver Winds Ensemble, Brittany Harshman, Manuel
18 Ramos, John Worsham, Jaron McCarr, Mark Spradley, Nancy Ryerson, Julia Pafford, Tung
19 Vu, and Alexander Wasily were selected through a state audition process as members of the
20 2008 All-State Concert Band; and

1 WHEREAS, the music of the Silver Winds Ensemble is truly balm for the wounded spirit,
2 hope for the discouraged, magic for the dreamer, and is as beautiful and valuable as silver
3 and as powerful as the wind.

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
5 commend the Savannah Arts Academy's Silver Winds Ensemble for their outstanding
6 performances and tremendous achievements and extend their best wishes for continued
7 success.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
9 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Savannah Arts Academy's Silver
10 Winds Ensemble.