

House Resolution 481

By: Representatives Stephens of the 161st, Gordon of the 162nd, Bryant of the 160th, Day of the 163rd, Stephens of the 164th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Alfred Ely Beach High School Chorus; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Alfred Ely Beach High School Chorus has long been recognized for the
4 musical talent of each of its members and the outstanding musical direction and leadership
5 of choral director, Mr. James Kirk; and

6 WHEREAS, the Chorus is composed of students with a wide range of vocal abilities with the
7 talent and skill to sing a variety of music with professional grace and beauty; and

8 WHEREAS, the students recently traveled to Washington, D.C., along with more than 4,500
9 students from across the nation to compete in the Presidential Heritage Festival Inauguration
10 Performance where they earned second place; and

11 WHEREAS, during their trip to Washington, the Chorus had the opportunity to visit
12 locations of rich culture and national significance such as the Smithsonian Museums of
13 Natural History and American History, the National Air and Space Museum, Arlington
14 National Cemetery, and the Holocaust Museum, as well as personally witness history being
15 made with the inauguration of the United States' 44th President, Barack Obama; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Kirk received a bachelor's degree in music from Clark Atlanta University
17 and has proudly served as the choral director for four years, guiding each student to perform
18 to their best ability by encouraging hard work and focused determination; and

19 WHEREAS, the members of the Alfred Ely Beach High School Chorus have display great
20 talent, maturity, and vocal range in their musical performances and competitions, and it is
21 abundantly fitting and proper that their outstanding achievements be recognized.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
23 the members of this body commend the Alfred Ely Beach High School Chorus on their
24 remarkable second place finish in the Presidential Heritage Festival Inauguration
25 Performance and extend to them best wishes on their future performances.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
27 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the members of Alfred Ely
28 High School Chorus and director Mr. James Kirk.