

House Resolution 794

By: Representatives Gordon of the 162nd, Stephens of the 161st, Day of the 163rd, Carter of the 159th, Stephens of the 164th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Savannah Arts Academy's Silver Winds Ensemble, Still
2 Waters Ensemble, and SkyeLite Jazz Band; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Savannah Arts Academy's Silver Winds Ensemble was formed in August,
4 1999, under the direction of Michael E. Hutchinson, as three of the major symphonic
5 ensembles in the Arts Academy's Music Department; and

6 WHEREAS, 58 members of the Silver Winds Ensemble and 48 members of Still Waters
7 Ensemble earned Superior Ratings in Performance while attending the 2009 Shamrock Music
8 Festival in Dublin, Georgia, and at the Georgia Music Educators Association 2009
9 Performance Evaluations at Armstrong Atlantic State University; and

10 WHEREAS, the Silver Winds Ensemble has earned Consecutive Superior Ratings in
11 Performance and Sight-Reading at the Georgia Music Educators Association Performance
12 Evaluations for ten years; and

13 WHEREAS, Silver Winds trombone players, Tung Vu, Katherine Durden, and Alexander
14 Wasily; percussion player Samuel Dodd; clarinet player Manuel Ramos; and flautist Julia
15 Pafford were selected as members of the 2009 Georgia Music Educators Association
16 All-State Concert Band and Orchestra; and

17 WHEREAS, SkyeLite trombone players Tung Vu and Alexander Wasily and pianists
18 Brendan Polk and Robin Sherman were selected as members of the 2009 Georgia Music
19 Educators Association All-State Jazz Band; and

20 WHEREAS, 61 members of the Silver Winds Ensemble and Still Waters Ensemble were
21 selected for the Georgia Music Association 2009 District One Honor Band; and

22 WHEREAS, Savannah Arts Academy Principal Mrs. Odessa Richards and parents of the
23 ensemble members have been delighted with the ensemble's outstanding success; and

24 WHEREAS, Savannah and all of Georgia have excellent reason to be proud of the
25 superlative musical achievements of the ensemble's talented and hard-working musicians and
26 director; and

27 WHEREAS, the music of the ensembles, Silver Winds, Still Waters, and SkyeLite provide
28 hope, uplift the hearts and spirits of the discouraged, and instill peace and joy to all who are
29 privileged to hear it.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
31 the members of this body commend members and instructors of the Savannah Arts
32 Academy's Silver Winds Ensemble, Still Waters Ensemble, and SkyeLite Jazz Band;
33 recognize their beautiful music; and extend their most sincere congratulations on their many
34 achievements.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
36 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Savannah Arts
37 Academy.