

Senate Resolution 369

By: Senator Seabaugh of the 28th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Mr. Charles Wadsworth; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Mr. Charles Wadsworth is a celebrated musician and a living legend of the
3 music world; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Mr. Wadsworth was the founding artistic director of the Chamber Music
5 Society of Lincoln Center, leading the center in establishing its programming concept for
6 varied instruments and voice for 20 years; and
- 7 WHEREAS, his work with the Chamber led to the profusion of chamber music festivals
8 throughout the United States and world wide, and his inclusion of major soloists inspired a
9 new generation of chamber music musicians; and
- 10 WHEREAS, during his tenure with the center, Mr. Wadsworth instituted a commissioning
11 program which produced performances from a wide range of composers, including Barber,
12 Bernstein, Menotti, Bolcom, Boulez, and Corigliano; and
- 13 WHEREAS, a long-time favorite of the Spoleto Festivals, Mr. Wadsworth served as artistic
14 director for chamber music, performed as a pianist, and hosted the daily concerts at the Dock
15 Street Theater; and
- 16 WHEREAS, Mr. Wadsworth has performed at the White House for Presidents Kennedy,
17 Nixon, Carter, and Reagan, has been honored by France as a Chevalier in the Order of Arts
18 and Letters, and has been honored as a Cavaliere Ufficiale in the Order of Merit by Italy; and
- 19 WHEREAS, his numerous honors and awards include New York's Handel Medallion, South
20 Carolina's Order of the Palmetto, and the Elizabeth O'Neill Verner Award; and

21 WHEREAS, Mr. Wadsworth was inducted into the Georgia Music Hall of Fame in the
22 Pioneer category in 2010; and

23 WHEREAS, this octogenarian continues to perform today as a guest artist, in concerts with
24 his Charles Wadsworth and Friends group, in programs with individuals, and at
25 lectures-with-performance events; and

26 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the extraordinary accomplishments of
27 this distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
29 commend Mr. Charles Wadsworth on his incredible musical career and recognize his never
30 ending talent as a musician.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
32 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Charles Wadsworth.