

## House Resolution 721

By: Representative Pruett of the 144<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the South Dodge Elementary School washboard band and inviting them to be  
2 recognized by the House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the South Dodge Elementary School washboard band was formed in 2001 by  
4 Ms. Kerry Graham for the Dodge County Relay for Life talent show; and

5 WHEREAS, after the band won the 2001 talent competition, they began receiving requests  
6 to do other performances throughout the Dodge County area; and

7 WHEREAS, today the band performs throughout Georgia at venues such as nursing homes  
8 and healthcare facilities, churches, festivals, civic functions, hospitals, and school functions;  
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10 WHEREAS, under the caring leadership and guidance of Ms. Graham, this amazing group  
11 of fourth and fifth grade girls performed in 33 appearances last year alone; and

12 WHEREAS, the band performs a variety of songs to cater to the preferences of their  
13 audiences and their repertoire includes folk, country, Christian, and popular music; and

14 WHEREAS, the instruments used by these versatile and talented musicians include the  
15 washboard, spoons, jugs, tambourines, and washtub bass; and

16 WHEREAS, members of the 2010-2011 South Dodge Elementary School washboard band  
17 include Alora Barden, Lydia Howard, Anna Lora Jones, Annie Knight, Nadia Lewis, Abbey  
18 Manning, Abby Christian Manning, Jaisley Peacock, Loryn Solomon, Makylla Underwood,  
19 and Georgia Shae Walker; and

20 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding music of this fine band  
21 be appropriately recognized.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
23 the members of this body commend the South Dodge Elementary School washboard band  
24 members for the uplifting service their music has provided countless Georgians and invite  
25 them to be recognized by the House of Representatives at a date and time to be determined  
26 by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
28 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Ms. Kerry Graham.