

Senate Resolution 826

By: Senators Jones of the 10th, Jeffares of the 17th and Davenport of the 44th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending Ola High School's Marching Mustangs; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the Marching Mustangs performed in the Royal New Year's Day Parade in
3 London, England; and
- 4 WHEREAS, the band performed as part of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebration,
5 marking 60 years that Queen Elizabeth II has been sitting on her throne and the official
6 kickoff of the 2012 Olympics; and
- 7 WHEREAS, each of the 90 members of the 155 member band that traveled to London to
8 perform had to raise \$3,000 through fundraisers, parent contributions, and local business
9 sponsors; and
- 10 WHEREAS, approximately 700,000 people lined the streets to watch the parade, as well as
11 tens of millions of viewers from around the world; and
- 12 WHEREAS, Ola High School, along with its band program, opened in 2006, and in its short
13 existence, the Marching Mustangs have garnered awards, including the Bands of America
14 Champions' Outstanding Visual Performance and Outstanding General Effect honors; and
- 15 WHEREAS, the Marching Mustangs placed 11th overall out of 32 bands that competed at
16 the Bands of America Super Regional at the Georgia Dome, making history by becoming the
17 first marching band from Henry County to place as a finalist in the Top 12; and
- 18 WHEREAS, the phenomenal performance of the band is a clear indication of the outstanding
19 musical ability, the dedication and hard work, and the unity of purpose and spirit of each
20 member of the band; their superb talents; and the astute direction of band directors Todd
21 Manson and Matthew "Bo" Soddors; and

22 WHEREAS, as this magnificent band earned its well-deserved reputation for excellence by
23 performing with courage and precision over months of rehearsals and competition, it is
24 abundantly proper to honor it.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
26 commend Ola High School's Marching Mustangs on the band's performance as part of the
27 Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebration in London, England.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
29 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Ola High School's Marching Mustangs.