

House Resolution 1464

By: Representatives McKillip of the 115th, Heard of the 114th, and Williams of the 113th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the Hugh Hodgson School of Music at the University of Georgia; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Hugh Hodgson School of Music has provided the State of Georgia, the
4 United States, and the world with many great performances, teachers, researchers, and
5 scholars in the musical arts; and

6 WHEREAS, Hugh Hodgson, the first professor of music at the University of Georgia and the
7 School of Music's namesake, was appointed in 1928 to establish a department of fine arts and
8 music; and

9 WHEREAS, between 1930 and 1941, the School of Music developed four degree programs
10 in music, including the University of Georgia's first graduate degree in music; and

11 WHEREAS, since Hugh Hodgson's retirement in 1960, the School of Music has been ably
12 served by capable administrators such as Edwin Gerchefski, Robert John, David Ledet, Olin
13 Parker, Ralph Verrastro, Richard Graham, Donald Lowe, and its current director, Dale
14 Monson; and

15 WHEREAS, in 2005, the School of Music relocated to a new building, and the building and
16 the program were named in honor of Hugh Hodgson; and

17 WHEREAS, the Hugh Hodgson School of Music today is the academic home to over 450
18 undergraduate and graduate students, 65 faculty members, and renowned ensembles,
19 including its Wind Ensemble, Symphony Orchestra, Hodgson Singers, and Opera Ensemble;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, students of Hugh Hodgson School of Music have been invited to play in concert
22 halls, theaters, and houses of worship across the country and the world; and

23 WHEREAS, many alumni of the Hugh Hodgson School of Music today live in the State of
24 Georgia and provide this state's youth with the fruits of an education received at the Hugh
25 Hodgson School of Music; and

26 WHEREAS, it has consistently grown as an institution of performance, pedagogy, and
27 scholarship in music; and

28 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting that the accomplishments of the students, faculty, staff,
29 and alumni of the Hugh Hodgson School of Music be appropriately recognized.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
31 the members of this body honor and commend the Hugh Hodgson School of Music, its
32 faculty, staff, alumni, and its current students for their continuing commitment to the highest
33 levels of musical achievement.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
35 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Dale Monson, director of
36 the Hugh Hodgson School of Music.