

House Resolution 455

By: Representatives Drenner of the 85th and Henson of the 86th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the DeKalb Choral Guild upon the occasion of its 35th
2 anniversary; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, since its founding in 1978, the DeKalb Choral Guild has attracted talented
4 choral musicians from throughout the metropolitan Atlanta area from a myriad of
5 professional backgrounds, including public relations, medicine, sales, and education; and

6 WHEREAS, the stability of musical direction has strengthened the Guild's presence as a
7 community arts organization, demonstrated by the many seasons of innovative and delightful
8 programming given throughout the years; and

9 WHEREAS, the Guild has also benefitted from remarkably devoted singers, generous
10 audience support, and its commitment to welcoming all people, regardless of sex, religion,
11 age, disability, sexual orientation, or race; and

12 WHEREAS, the Guild has participated in numerous community festivals and events, such
13 as the DeKalb International Choral Festival and the Emory Festival of Choirs; and

14 WHEREAS, for several years, the Guild has sponsored a biennial festival of faith
15 highlighting interdenominational choirs as well as a "Music in the Schools" festival, where
16 they invited high school choirs for joint performances; and

17 WHEREAS, the Guild's first tour in 1983 included performances in historic churches in
18 Switzerland, Austria, and West Germany; the Guild presented concerts in the Lutheran
19 Church of the Ascension in Savannah and Christ Church in Washington, D.C., in 1987 before
20 returning to Europe in 1988 to participate in the Bristol International Music Festival during
21 a tour of England and Wales and then again to end their 30th season as the representative
22 chorus of the State of Georgia for the American Festival of Music in Italy; and

23 WHEREAS, the Guild has achieved a number of notable music accomplishments in the last
24 several years, including the inauguration of a new state-wide choral festival and competition
25 for high school and college aged composers, the Georgia Young Composers Festival; a
26 partnership with the DeKalb School for the Arts chorus to provide the students with good
27 choral role models and collaborative performance opportunities; a tour of Germany and the
28 Czech Republic in September, 2005, that included stops in Berlin, Leipzig, Dresden,
29 Weimar, Rothenburg, and Prague; the Guild's selection as "Artists in Residence" by
30 Oglethorpe University in 1998, taking part in the University's Arts and Ideas series; and the
31 completion of a recording project to produce the Guild's first nationally distributable CD;
32 and

33 WHEREAS, the DeKalb Choral Guild has fostered an environment of creativity, growth, and
34 talent that has enriched this state through its many accomplishments, and it is abundantly
35 fitting and proper that this organization be recognized for its outstanding success.

36 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
37 the members of this body commend the DeKalb Choral Guild upon the grand occasion of its
38 35th anniversary and extend their sincerest wishes for many years of future success.

39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
40 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the DeKalb Choral Guild.