

## House Resolution 865

By: Representatives Holcomb of the 81<sup>st</sup> and Mitchell of the 88<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Harmony: Atlanta's International Youth Chorus on the  
2 occasion of its 20th anniversary; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, founded by Dr. Elizabeth Kimble in a pilot summer camp program in the heart  
4 of downtown Atlanta, Georgia, Harmony: Atlanta's International Youth Chorus offers 100  
5 youths, ages six to 18, from diverse racial, cultural, religious, and socio-economic  
6 backgrounds the opportunity to develop teamwork, tolerance, and mutual respect as they  
7 strive for musical excellence; and

8 WHEREAS, since their first concert series in the Fall of 1993, the group has held the belief  
9 that music is a barrier breaker and a powerful medium of self-expression, singing messages  
10 of peace, justice, hope, reconciliation, and unity in 35 languages; and

11 WHEREAS, Harmony also embraces the belief that training culturally diverse children to  
12 perform together benefits the quality of life in the community and in the world; and

13 WHEREAS, under the astute direction of Harmony's music director since 1996, Joyce  
14 Ketchie Carr, the group has performed with some of the finest musical and community  
15 service organizations in and beyond Atlanta, including the National Children's Choir at  
16 Carnegie Hall, at Symphony Hall for Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Jimmy Carter, at four  
17 UNICEF Benefit Galas, at a benefit for Africa's Children's Fund before Desmond Tutu, and  
18 at the Piccolo Spoleto International Music Festival; and

19 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this  
20 remarkable group be appropriately recognized.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
22 the members of this body join in recognizing and commending Harmony: Atlanta's  
23 International Youth Chorus on its 20th anniversary.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
25 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Harmony: Atlanta's  
26 International Youth Chorus.