

Senate Resolution 943

By: Senator Golden of the 8th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Frank Butenschon; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Frank Butenschon served as director of the Valdosta High School Marchin' Cats
3 Band from 1962 until 1977; and

4 WHEREAS, he and his students performed in an outstanding fashion wherever they went,
5 including local and regional appearances in weekly football halftime shows, parades, civic
6 events, and concerts; and

7 WHEREAS, the Valdosta High School Marchin' Cats, under the direction of Mr. Butenschon
8 and his staff, most ably represented the City of Valdosta and the Great State of Georgia by
9 competing for national titles; and

10 WHEREAS, these titles included: the 1964 and 1967 National Cherry Blossom Festival in
11 Washington D. C., where the team took fourth and first place, respectively; the 1965, 1969,
12 and 1972 Greatest Band in Dixie competition in New Orleans, where the team took second
13 and two first places, respectively; and the 1974 and 1977 Festival of States in St. Petersburg,
14 Florida, where the team took first place both times; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Butenschon and the Valdosta High School Marchin' Cats were invited to
16 participate in formal festivities of the 1971 Inauguration of Georgia Governor Jimmy Carter;
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18 WHEREAS, the Valdosta High School symphonic bands, under the direction of Mr.
19 Butenschon, earned consistent ratings of SUPERIOR in all graded performances before the
20 Georgia Music Educators Association judging panels; and

21 WHEREAS, it is commonly felt among those former band members that the legacy of Mr.
22 Butenschon not only positively influenced their performance in music and academics during
23 their high school years, but also continued to have a positive impact in their adult lives; and

24 WHEREAS, many former Marchin' Cats band members, as a direct result of Mr.
25 Butenschon's influence, have gone on to not only pursue professions or avocations in music,
26 but have become leaders in education, business, the military, and in their communities, and
27 have passed this legacy on to their own children.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
29 recognize and commend Frank Butenschon for his longstanding positive leadership and
30 influence on his students and for his role in creating a program that represented the City of
31 Valdosta and the State of Georgia at the local, state, and national levels for so many years.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
33 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Frank Butenschon.