

Senate Resolution 1273

By: Senators Crosby of the 13th, Albers of the 56th, Bethel of the 54th, Shafer of the 48th, Staton of the 18th and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Donald B. Coates; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Donald B. Coates is a graduate of Central Florida Community College, where
3 he received his A.A. degree, and Brigham Young University, where he received his B.M. E.
4 degree specializing in secondary and post-secondary music; and
- 5 WHEREAS, he received his M.M.E. from Florida State University in 1974, joining the
6 Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College (ABAC) faculty in the fall of that year; and
- 7 WHEREAS, Mr. Coates organized and is the director of the ABAC Brass Quintet and the
8 ABAC Jazz Ensemble; and
- 9 WHEREAS, the Abraham Baldwin Jazz Ensemble has given numerous performances
10 throughout the Southeastern United States, Mexico, and Europe; and
- 11 WHEREAS, the ensemble has performed at two of the most celebrated functions in Georgia,
12 including the opening of the Olympic Games and the Governor's Arts Awards Ceremony,
13 both held in Atlanta; and
- 14 WHEREAS, Mr. Coates has served on the state board of the Georgia Music Educators
15 Association as College Division Chair, as the State Advisor for the Student Music Educator's
16 National Conference of Georgia, and as College Chair for District II of the Georgia Music
17 Educators Association; and
- 18 WHEREAS, his principal instrument is the trumpet, and he is called upon frequently as a
19 clinician throughout the Southeast and currently teaches applied brass and independent jazz
20 studies; and

21 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
22 remarkable Georgian be appropriately recognized.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
24 recognize and commend Donald B. Coates for his dedication and commitment to the musical
25 arts in the State of Georgia and express to him their most sincere best wishes for continued
26 success.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
28 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Donald B. Coates.