

Senate Resolution 479

By: Senator Jackson of the 2nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Esther F. Garrison Wind Ensemble and its conductor; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Esther F. Garrison Wind Ensemble was formed in August, 2009, by Michael
4 E. Hutchinson, Ed.S., a National Band Association 2008 "Citation of Excellence" and a
5 graduate of Georgia Southwestern College in Americus, Georgia, VanderCook College of
6 Music in Chicago, Illinois, and Troy State University in Troy, Alabama; and

7 WHEREAS, the Mayor of Savannah, Honorable Late Floyd Adams, issued a Proclamation
8 to Michael E. Hutchinson, January 14, 2003, for his impressive record of accomplishments,
9 hard work, dedication, and extraordinary commitment to youths; and

10 WHEREAS, Michael E. Hutchinson was selected in 2010 by The National Society of High
11 School Scholars as a "Claes Nobel Educator of Distinction" and by Sonata, Inc., as the "2014
12 Music Educator of the Year" in Savannah, Georgia; and

13 WHEREAS, he has conducted ensembles in London, England, San Francisco, California,
14 Washington, D.C., Sidney, Australia, and Chendgu and Beijing, China; and

15 WHEREAS, Georgia Music Educators Association 2016 All-State Band selected Jimmy
16 Kim - Alto Saxophone, Emma Smith - Alto Saxophone, John King - Alto Saxophone, Emily
17 Smith - F Horn, and Arnold Rose - Trumpet through a state-wide music audition process to
18 become Esther F. Garrison's Second Set of All-State Band members; and

19 WHEREAS, Georgia Music Educators Association 2017 All-State Band selected Jahmila
20 Pickering - Clarinet, Jimmy Kim - Alto Saxophone, Emma Smith - Alto Saxophone, John
21 King - Alto Saxophone, and Emily Smith - F Horn; and

22 WHEREAS, the Garrison Wind Ensemble has produced 14 Georgia Music Educators
23 Association All-State Band members in the last three years; and

24 WHEREAS, Emily Smith - F Horn earned membership through an audition process into the
25 2015 University of Georgia Mid-Fest Honor Band; and

26 WHEREAS, Jude Yancy - Trumpet and Jimmy Kim - Alto Saxophone earned membership
27 through an audition process in the 2016 University of Georgia Mid-Fest Honor Band; and

28 WHEREAS, Esther F. Garrison band members Jimmy Kim and John King - Alto Saxophone
29 were selected as members of the 2017 The Ohio State Honor Band Festival and performed
30 in the Weigel Hall on the campus of Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio; and

31 WHEREAS, 14 members of the Esther F. Garrison band were selected, through an audition
32 process, for the Georgia Music Educators Association District One 2017 Honor Band; and

33 WHEREAS, the Esther F. Garrison Wind Ensemble earned All Superior Ratings in the 2017
34 Georgia Music Educators Association Large Group Performance Evaluations in Performance
35 and Sight Reading performing Grade Three Literature; and

36 WHEREAS, the Wind Ensemble has now earned six consecutive Superior Ratings in Sight
37 Reading while attending the Georgia Music Educators Association Large Group Performance
38 Evaluations performing Grade Three Literature; and

39 WHEREAS, the Ester F. Garrison Youth Ensemble Conductor - Somi Benson Ja-ja earned
40 all Superior Ratings in the 2017 Georgia Music Educators Association Large Group
41 Performance Evaluations; and

42 WHEREAS, the Esther F. Garrison Wind Ensemble has become one of the Instrumental
43 Music Department's Major Performing Ensembles.

44 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
45 commend the Esther F. Garrison Wind Ensemble and its conductor and extend sincere best
46 wishes for continued success.

47 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
48 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the Esther F.
49 Garrison Wind Ensemble.