

House Resolution 1433

By: Representatives Carter of the 92<sup>nd</sup> and Carson of the 46<sup>th</sup>

### A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Alfred L. Watkins on the occasion of his retirement; and for  
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Alfred L. Watkins has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the  
4 vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the welfare  
5 of Georgia's young citizens; and

6 WHEREAS, he has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,  
7 talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced  
8 dramatically by his superlative service as Director of Bands at Murphy High School, now  
9 known as Alonzo A. Crim Open Campus High School, and Lassiter High School; and

10 WHEREAS, under Alfred's six years of leadership, Murphy High School's bands consistently  
11 earned superior ratings in both marching and concert events; and

12 WHEREAS, in addition to his award-winning success as a band director, Alfred is a truly  
13 magnificent teacher, and was awarded the prestigious "Teacher of the Year" award in 1978  
14 while serving as Director of Bands at Murphy High School in the Atlanta Public School  
15 System; and

16 WHEREAS, Alfred's significant organizational and leadership talents, his remarkable  
17 patience and diplomacy, his keen sense of vision, and his sensitivity to the needs of the  
18 citizens of this state have earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues and  
19 associates; and

20 WHEREAS, he is a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for  
21 integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness; and

22 WHEREAS, Alfred has received 14 certificates of excellence from the National Band  
23 Association, the Sudler Order of Merit from the John Philip Sousa Foundation, and the Band  
24 World Magazine Legion of Honor for his significant contributions to bands and band music;  
25 and

26 WHEREAS, Alfred served with honor and distinction as the Director of Bands at Murphy  
27 High School from 1978 to 1982 and at Lassiter High School from 1982 until his retirement  
28 in 2013, and his vision and unyielding commitment to bestowing the gift of musical  
29 knowledge upon his students continue to have a profound impact on music education in this  
30 state; and

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

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
34 the members of this body recognize and commend Alfred L. Watkins for his efficient,  
35 effective, unselfish, and dedicated service to students in the State of Georgia; congratulate  
36 him upon the grand occasion of his retirement; and extend the most sincere best wishes for  
37 continued health and happiness.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
39 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to  
40 Alfred L. Watkins.