

Senate Resolution 523

By: Senators Au of the 48th, Merritt of the 9th, Jackson of the 41st, Butler of the 55th, Dixon of the 45th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Mr. William Pu; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Mr. William Pu was the National Winner of the 1990 Music Teachers National
3 Association Competition (MTNA) and has received many awards in national and
4 international competitions; and

5 WHEREAS, in 2002, Mr. Pu again won the national audition to become the associate
6 concertmaster of the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra; and

7 WHEREAS, during his tenured years with the Houston Symphony Orchestra and the Atlanta
8 Symphony Orchestra, Mr. Pu led both as acting concertmaster, on tours, and on recordings;
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10 WHEREAS, Mr. Pu and his wife, Amy Chang, have founded both the William Pu Music
11 Academy, a successful pre-college music school dedicated to providing high quality lessons
12 to all level students starting from age four, and the Atlanta Youth Orchestra, a premium
13 summer youth ensemble that provides professional orchestra training and performance
14 opportunities for young musicians throughout metro Atlanta; and

15 WHEREAS, in 2019, together with his wife and long-time friend, Mrs. Wei Lin, Mr. Pu
16 co-founded the Atlanta Festival Academy and successfully launched it as an international
17 platform of music collaborations and performances for young musicians around the world;
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19 WHEREAS, the Atlanta Festival Academy adds multiple unique and exciting music
20 performances and education experiences to Atlanta's already vibrant cultural scene; and

21 WHEREAS, the Atlanta Festival Academy is committed to promoting the education of
22 young and talented musicians to nurture a new generation of young musicians and shine a
23 spotlight on talented students; give students opportunity to have private lessons, play in
24 master classes, join chamber music, and play in Atlanta Festival Academy orchestras;
25 provide students with an opportunity to practice performance and communication; and serve
26 as a platform for international cooperation; and

27 WHEREAS, due to his love of music and deep commitment to provide educational
28 opportunities for young musicians, many of Mr. Pu's students are now in many professional
29 orchestras and top music schools in the United States and abroad.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
31 recognize and commend Mr. William Pu for his exemplary leadership in the small business
32 community and his exceptional mentorship for young Georgians in the field of music.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
34 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Mr. William Pu.