

Senate Resolution 825

By: Senators Harbison of the 15th, Orrock of the 36th, Payne of the 54th, Goodman of the 8th, Bearden of the 30th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending The Robert "Bob" Barr Community Band for its longstanding
2 service, musical excellence, and positive impact on the Columbus community; and for other
3 purposes.

4 WHEREAS, The Robert "Bob" Barr Community Band was founded in 1988 as a memorial
5 tribute to Robert M. Barr, beloved director of the Jordan High School Band in Columbus,
6 Georgia, from 1946 to 1962; and

7 WHEREAS, under the leadership of Robert M. Barr, the Jordan High School Band achieved
8 the highest acclaim, earning numerous state and national titles and establishing a standard
9 of musical excellence that brought pride and distinction to the Columbus community; and

10 WHEREAS, as a teacher, mentor, and friend, Mr. Barr positively influenced the lives of
11 hundreds of young people and was recognized as one of the 100 most influential people in
12 the Chattahoochee Valley in the 20th century prior to his passing in May 1988; and

13 WHEREAS, since its founding, The Robert "Bob" Barr Community Band has grown into a
14 concert band comprised of more than sixty dedicated volunteer musicians ranging in age
15 from 15 to 94; and

16 WHEREAS, for 37 years, the band has enriched the cultural life of the community by
17 performing for thousands of citizens, including appearances during the 1996 Summer
18 Olympic events held in Columbus, Georgia, annual July 4th celebrations at the Heard
19 Theatre, and numerous performances supporting charitable efforts such as fundraising
20 initiatives for the Easter Seals Organization; and

21 WHEREAS, The Robert "Bob" Barr Community Band has maintained a distinguished
22 tradition of musical leadership, with Dr. George Corradino serving as its first conductor from
23 1988 until 2011, followed by Fred Catchings from 2011 until 2023, and currently under the
24 baton of Dr. Oliver C. Boone; and

25 WHEREAS, The Robert "Bob" Barr Community Band stands as a testament to the enduring
26 legacy of Robert M. Barr and to the power of volunteerism, artistic excellence, and
27 community engagement in the State of Georgia.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
29 recognize and commend The Robert "Bob" Barr Community Band for its 37 years of
30 dedicated service and outstanding musical contributions to Columbus and the Chattahoochee
31 Valley.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
33 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to The Robert "Bob"
34 Barr Community Band.