

## Senate Resolution 986

By: Senators Anderson of the 43rd, Davenport of the 17th, Wicks of the 34th, Jones II of the 22nd, Halpern of the 39th and others

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending the Salem High School Band; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the Salem High School Band has demonstrated exceptional teamwork,  
3 dedication, and discipline throughout the 2025 season; and
- 4 WHEREAS, its members have dedicated innumerable hours to rehearsals, performances, and  
5 competition while maintaining a proud tradition of excellence with equal emphases on  
6 character and academics; and
- 7 WHEREAS, in October 2025, in a comprehensive ranking of top marching programs across  
8 the Metro Atlanta area, Salem was recognized as one of the Top 15 programs, securing a  
9 high placement among dozens of competing schools; and
- 10 WHEREAS, this ranking is a testament to the band's technical precision and showmanship  
11 on a regional scale; and
- 12 WHEREAS, the band has participated in various evaluations throughout the 2025 season,  
13 consistently earning Superior ratings in categories including music, visual execution, and  
14 general effect; and

15 WHEREAS, these evaluations are the "gold standard" for measuring a program's success  
16 against state-wide criteria; and

17 WHEREAS, due to their high scores throughout the season, Salem was featured in the  
18 discussions for the "Red Lobster Band of the Year" finalists, a prestigious recognition often  
19 reserved for programs that demonstrate elite, HBCU-style marching excellence at the high  
20 school level; and

21 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the Salem High School Band be  
22 appropriately honored.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
24 recognize and commend the Salem High School Band for its outstanding achievements and  
25 commitment to excellence as well as extend their sincere best wishes for the band's continued  
26 success.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
28 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the Salem High  
29 School Band.