

Senate Resolution 199

By: Senators Jackson of the 2nd and Watson of the 1st

A RESOLUTION

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

2 WHEREAS, the Esther F. Garrison Wind Ensemble was formed in August of 2009 by
3 Michael E. Hutchinson, Ed.S., a National Band Association 2008 "Citation of Excellence"
4 and a graduate of VanderCook College of Music in Chicago, Illinois. Garrison Wind
5 Ensemble is the first Wind Instrumental Ensemble for the school's music department; and

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

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

12 WHEREAS, Michael E. Hutchinson has conducted ensembles in London, England, San
13 Francisco, California, Sidney, Australia, Chendgu and Beijing, China; and

14 WHEREAS, Georgia Music Educators Association 2015 All-State Band selected Jennie Kim
15 - Flute, Daniel Speal - Trumpet, Nathaniel "Governor" Smith - Trumpet, and Joel Ballard -
16 Trombone, through an audition process, became Esther F. Garrison's First All-State Band
17 members; and

18 WHEREAS, Jennie Kim - Flute, Tajah Alford - Alto Saxophone, Joel Ballard - trombone,
19 Daniel Speal and Nathaniel "Governor" Smith - trumpet earned membership through an
20 audition process into the 2014 University of Georgia Mid-Fest Honor Band; and

21 WHEREAS, 16 Esther F. Garrison band members were selected, through audition process,
22 for the Georgia Music Educators Association District One 2015 Honor Band and 22 band
23 members selected for the 2015 Savannah Chatham Public School System Honor Band; and

24 WHEREAS, the Esther F. Garrison Wind Ensemble, now 37 members, has earned Four
25 Consecutive Superior Ratings in Sight Reading while attending the Georgia Music Educators
26 Association Large Group Performance Evaluation and All Superior Ratings in Performance
27 and Sight Reading while attending the Shamrock Music Festival in Dublin, Georgia; and

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

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
31 commend the Esther F. Garrison Wind Ensemble for their outstanding performance.

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 Esther F.
34 Garrison Wind Ensemble.