

House Resolution 884

By: Representatives Marin of the 96th, Olaleye of the 59th, Mughal of the 105th, and Draper of the 90th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Congratulating Apu Inka; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, music can have the ability to transcend culture and borders, affect and
3 illuminate the souls of thousands, and help in the creation of an integral citizen; and
- 4 WHEREAS, a proud group of Georgia residents have taken it upon themselves to establish
5 a musical group named Apu Inka; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Apu Inka celebrates 15 years of uninterrupted history promoting Peruvian,
7 Latin American, and world culture with its particular Andean instruments; and
- 8 WHEREAS, the group is committed to preserving and disseminating not only Peruvian
9 musical heritage but also that of other Latin American countries so that the rest of the world
10 can experience a fascinating and beautiful form of music; and
- 11 WHEREAS, Apu Inka performs Latin American folk music and strives to keep alive the pure
12 essence of its origins, playing musical instruments from the Andes such as the quena,
13 zampoña, charango, and indigenous percussion; it also reveals to those listening the beauty
14 of folk music while incorporating a musical fusion of European and American sounds; and

15 WHEREAS, Apu Inka has dedicated its time to bringing the music of the Andes to various
16 stages in the State of Georgia; and

17 WHEREAS, the group gives free Andean instrument classes to children and young people
18 in our community and has performed many times for free in elementary schools and
19 universities in Georgia and beyond, such as the Oxford College of Emory University,
20 Kennesaw State University, the University of Georgia, the University of West Georgia, the
21 University of North Georgia, Clayton State University, and Samford University; and

22 WHEREAS, Apu Inka has provided its services to several organizations in the metro Atlanta
23 area, such as the Fernbank Museum, the Georgia Aquarium, the Federal Reserve, the Aurora
24 Theater, the Mason Murer Gallery, the Georgia Latino International Film Festival, the
25 Georgia Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, the Latin American Chamber of Commerce, and
26 several consular offices; and

27 WHEREAS, Apu Inka has received international distinction as an ambassador of the Junin
28 Brand in Peru as well as recognition by the Congress of the Republic of Peru; and

29 WHEREAS, the group has further been granted the Tumi USA Award as well as honored as
30 a representative of the Peru country brand and as a member of the Latin Academy of the
31 "Latin Grammy" awards; and

32 WHEREAS, the group has had the opportunity to take its music outside the state, performing
33 in cities such as Miami; Washington, D.C.; Los Angeles; Charlotte; Orlando; and
34 Birmingham as well as internationally in countries such as Japan, China, Russia, India,
35 Thailand, Vietnam, Singapore, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, United Arab Emirates, Germany, Italy,
36 and Spain, among many others.

37 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
38 the members of this body congratulate the group Apu Inka as well as its founder and director,
39 John Zorrilla, for using music to transcend cultural borders and for providing a valuable
40 service to various organizations and institutions of higher education within this great state.

41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
42 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Apu
43 Inka.