

Senate Resolution 1230

By: Senator Jackson of the 2nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Esther F. Garrison Wind Ensemble and its conductor, Michael E.
2 Hutchinson; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Esther F. Garrison Wind Ensemble was formed in August of 2009 by
4 Michael E. Hutchinson, Ed.S., a National Band Association 2008 "Citation of Excellence"
5 and a graduate of Georgia Southwestern College in Americus, Georgia, VanderCook College
6 of Music in Chicago, Illinois, and Troy State University in Troy, Alabama; and

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

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

13 WHEREAS, he has conducted ensembles in London, England, San Francisco, California,
14 Washington D.C., Sidney, Australia, Chendgu and Beijing, China; and

15 WHEREAS, Georgia Music Educators Association 2016 All-State Band selected Jimmy Kim
16 - Alto Saxophone, Emma Smith - Alto Saxophone, John King - Alto Saxophone, Emily
17 Smith - F Horn and Arnold Rose - Trumpet, through a state-wide music audition process, to
18 become Esther F. Garrison's Second Set of All-State Band members; and

19 WHEREAS, Emily Smith - F Horn earned membership through an audition process into the
20 2015 University of Georgia Mid-Fest Honor Band; and

21 WHEREAS, Esther F. Garrison band members Emma Smith - Alto Saxophone and Emily
22 Smith - F Horn were selected as members of The Ohio State Honor Band Festival and

23 performed in the Weigel Hall on the campus of Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio;
24 and

25 WHEREAS, Esther F. Garrison band members Jimmy Kim and James Wooten were
26 selected, through an audition process, to perform a piano duet at the Georgia Music
27 Educators Association 2016 In-Service in Athens, Georgia; and

28 WHEREAS, 13 members of the Esther F. Garrison band were selected, through an audition
29 process, for the Georgia Music Educators Association District One 2016 Honor Band, and
30 22 band members were selected for the 2015 Savannah Chatham Public School System
31 Honor Band; and

32 WHEREAS, the Esther F. Garrison Wind Ensemble earned All Superior Ratings in the 2016
33 Georgia Music Educators Association Large Group Performance Evaluations in Performance
34 and Sight Reading performing Grade Three Literature; and

35 WHEREAS, the Wind Ensemble has now earned five Consecutive Superior Ratings in Sight
36 Reading while attending the Georgia Music Educators Association Large Group Performance
37 Evaluations and All Superior Ratings in Performance and Sight Reading; and

38 WHEREAS, the Esther F. Garrison Youth Ensemble earned All Superior Ratings in the 2016
39 Georgia Music Educators Association Large Group Performance Evaluations; and

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

42 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
43 recognize and commend the Esther F. Garrison Wind Ensemble and its conductor, Michael
44 E. Hutchinson and extend most sincere wishes for continued success.

45 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
46 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Michael E.
47 Hutchinson.