

Senate Resolution 48

By: Senators Seay of the 34th, Mallow of the 2nd, Jackson of the 41st, Merritt of the 9th, Harrell of the 40th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending The Flat Rock Middle School Singers and Ladell Fortune; and
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Flat Rock Middle School is a place of learning, creativity, and commitment, and
4 its choirs have consistently received Superior Ratings in performance and sight reading at
5 the annual Large Group Performance Evaluations (LGPE); and

6 WHEREAS, The Flat Rock Middle School Singers are 7th and 8th grade chorus students
7 who perform under the direction of Ladell Fortune, who has been leading the choral
8 department at Flat Rock Middle School since 2018, as well as Johnetta Johnson Page, who
9 serves as choir accompanist; and

10 WHEREAS, students in this program are selected to participate in many Georgia Music
11 Educators Association (GMEA) sponsored events, which include the Sixth Grade Statewide
12 Honors Chorus, the Georgia All State Chorus, and the District 6 Honors Chorus each year;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, in July 2022, the Flat Rock Singers were invited to be a performing choir at the
15 2023 GMEA In Service Conference, which is held annually in Athens, Georgia, and features
16 ensembles that demonstrate an impressive record of musical success; and

17 WHEREAS, the 2022-2023 school year is the first year that the Flat Rock Singers were
18 invited to perform at the conference, and they are one out of only four middle school
19 programs in the State of Georgia that were selected to perform; and

20 WHEREAS, many of the Flat Rock Singers further excel academically and are active
21 participants in extra-curricular activities such as athletics, STEAM, robotics, the academic
22 team, cheerleading, the math team, drama club, and the community music theater; and

23 WHEREAS, currently in his 21st year of teaching music in the State of Georgia, Ladell
24 Fortune has dedicated innumerable hours of his time and energy toward his students over his
25 distinguished career, and his choirs have placed first and won awards in several festivals; and

26 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that these exemplars of both academic and
27 musical excellence are appropriately honored.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
29 recognize and commend The Flat Rock Middle School Singers and Ladell Fortune for their
30 outstanding track record, consistent superior performances, and their passion for musical
31 performance in the State of Georgia.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
33 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the public and the
34 press.