

House Resolution 659

By: Representative Leverett of the 123<sup>rd</sup>

### A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Elbert County Comprehensive High School Chorus; and  
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Elbert County Comprehensive High School (ECCHS) Chorus was originally  
4 formed many years ago; and

5 WHEREAS, the chorus customarily consists of approximately 50 students from grades nine  
6 through 12 who receive classroom instruction in voice and music and periodically perform  
7 choral music for groups at various local events; and

8 WHEREAS, in 2022, the ECCHS Chorus was nominated by an anonymous local veteran to  
9 participate in the 81st Pearl Harbor Commemoration in Honolulu, Hawaii, which  
10 commemorates and memorializes the attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941; and

11 WHEREAS, the Pearl Harbor Commemoration is sponsored by a group called Historic  
12 Programs and was first observed in 2016 on the 75th anniversary of the bombing of Pearl  
13 Harbor; and

14 WHEREAS, Historic Programs extends invitations to approximately 30 bands and chorus  
15 groups around the country but accepts and invites only 12 to 16 groups to the Pearl Harbor  
16 Commemoration; and

17 WHEREAS, the ECCHS Chorus was one of five choruses invited and accepted to participate  
18 in the 81st Pearl Harbor Commemoration; and

19 WHEREAS, as part of the 81st Pearl Harbor Commemoration, the ECCHS Chorus  
20 participated in three performances on the Island of Oahu; and

21 WHEREAS, on December 7, 2022, as part of the Opening Ceremonies of the 81st Pearl  
22 Harbor Commemoration, the ECCHS Chorus performed "America the Beautiful" with the  
23 mass choir, which included choirs from New Jersey, Florida, California, and Colorado; and

24 WHEREAS, the ECCHS Chorus also participated in the Pearl Harbor Parade, where they  
25 sang the National Anthem at the Grand Stand while the Color Guard approached; and

26 WHEREAS, on December 9, 2022, the ECCHS Chorus presented a "Celebration of  
27 America" Concert at the *USS Missouri*, a retired battleship known as the "Mighty Mo,"  
28 which saw the surrender of the Japanese at the end of World War II and which now watches  
29 over those who lost their lives on the *USS Arizona* on the day of the bombing; and

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31 WHEREAS, the "Celebration of America" Concert represented people, places, and events  
32 that celebrated the richness of America's history; and

33 WHEREAS, led by Chorus Director Allyson Dye, the performances of the ECCHS Chorus  
34 presented a solemn and meaningful tribute to the memory of those brave souls who lost their  
35 lives in the Pearl Harbor attack and honored all who have served this country; and

36 WHEREAS, the following students are members of the ECCHS Chorus who participated in  
37 the Pearl Harbor Commemoration: Lyndsie Acker; Carli Andrews; Hannah Bohlen; Danny  
38 Brena; Samantha Corona; Jayden Davis; Simona Diazdeleon; Yacoub Engelhardt; Cammie  
39 Fulbright; Emma Gunn; Fatima Ibarra-Martinez; Hayden Ivester; Aleciya Jennings; Bailey  
40 Johnson; Lina Keblish; Ximena Laguna; Ella Long; Alexa Major; Ava Maxwell; David  
41 Moore; Tamryn Pope; Lilly Ray; Brylee Rogers; Miracle Rucker; Savannah Scoggins;  
42 RenKerra Sims; Kayleigh Smith; Lana Stelter; Richie Vaughn; Junior Velazquez; Latayron  
43 Williams; and Missy Winfrey-Thornton.

44 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
45 the members of this body recognize and commend Chorus Director Allyson Dye and the  
46 students of the Elbert County Comprehensive High School Chorus for their participation in  
47 the 81st Pearl Harbor Commemoration and for using their God-given skill and talent to honor  
48 our nation's heroes in such a profound way.

49 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
50 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the  
51 Elbert County Comprehensive High School Chorus.