

House Resolution 115

By: Representative Lupton of the 83rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Juana P. Alzaga; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Juana P. Alzaga began her distinguished teaching career in 1978, establishing
3 orchestra programs at Miami Edison Middle School and High School in Miami, Florida; and

4 WHEREAS, in 1985, she joined Gwinnett County Schools and developed orchestra
5 programs at Pinckneyville Middle School, Summerour Middle School, and Norcross High
6 School; and

7 WHEREAS, she conducted the Gwinnett County Festival Orchestra from 1988 to 1994 and
8 later served as conductor of the Metropolitan Youth Symphony Orchestra, associate
9 conductor of the Emory Junior Chamber Orchestra, and a visiting orchestra director at the
10 Paideia School; and

11 WHEREAS, Juana P. Alzaga pursued advanced training as a violinist and conductor at the
12 North Carolina Conductors' Institute and the Juilliard Conductor's Institute, later becoming
13 a sought-after clinician and adjudicator for many music organizations in metro Atlanta; and

14 WHEREAS, in April 2021, she founded the Buford Highway Orchestra Project (BHOP) as
15 a pilot program with 10 students, which has since grown to serve 55 young musicians from
16 19 DeKalb County schools; and

17 WHEREAS, the BHOP provides after-school and weekend enrichment opportunities for
18 disadvantaged students from third to eighth grade who reside in the Buford Highway
19 Corridor, giving them access to music education and fostering skills, parent involvement, and
20 community-wide engagement; and

21 WHEREAS, Juana P. Alzaga has received numerous accolades for her contributions to music
22 education, including the 2022 Georgia ASTA Lifetime Achievement Award and the 2023
23 Telemundo Community Hero Award; and

24 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
25 remarkable and distinguished individual be appropriately recognized.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
27 the members of this body recognize and commend Juana P. Alzaga for her decades of
28 contributions on behalf of the youth of this state and beyond as well as extend the most
29 sincere best wishes for continued health and happiness.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
31 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Juana
32 P. Alzaga.