



1 Contemporary Resort and were evaluated by three adjudicators who are distinguished  
2 collegiate music educators including: Dr. Kenneth Dye, Director of Bands and Professor of  
3 Music at the University of Notre Dame; Dr. Rick Good, Department Chair and Director of  
4 Bands at Auburn University; and Professor Gary Langford, Professor Emeritus of Music at  
5 the University of Florida; and

6 WHEREAS, three types of awards were presented at the award ceremony which took  
7 place in the Indiana Jones Theater; the awards were presented to ensembles receiving a  
8 superior rating (90-100%) or excellent rating (80-89%); and

9 WHEREAS, the Best in Class award was presented to the highest rated ensemble  
10 within their division; and Festival Disney Gold, Silver, and Bronze awards were presented  
11 to the three highest superior rated ensembles overall; and

12 WHEREAS, the NSU Middle Lab School Orchestra impressed judges and earned the  
13 Festival Disney Superior Award with a score of 93.5% as well as the Best in Class for the  
14 highest score in its division; and

15 WHEREAS, the group was also awarded the Gold Mickey Mouse Award for the  
16 highest score overall; and

17 WHEREAS, the orchestra is a reflection of the cultural, social, and ethnic diversity  
18 of its community achieving a harmony of interest by working towards a common goal.

19 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby  
20 commend the Northwestern State University Middle Lab School Orchestra for its  
21 magnificent performance at Festival Disney in Orlando; does hereby congratulate them on  
22 an impressive 2023 performance season; and does hereby express sincere and best wishes  
23 for continued individual and group success for band members, Orchestra Director Katrice  
24 LaCour, and Talent Instructor Milovan Paz.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to  
26 Katrice LaCour, Northwestern State University Middle Lab School Orchestra director.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Kenyatta M. Honeycutt.

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Commends the Northwestern State University Middle Lab School Orchestra upon their outstanding performance at Festival Disney in Orlando, Florida, and for their many musical accomplishments.