

Senate Resolution 704

By: Senator Jackson of the 50th

### A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the North Georgia College and State University's Blue Ridge Rifles and Color  
2 Guard; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Blue Ridge Rifles and Color Guard won first place at the 30th annual  
4 Tulane University Mardi Gras Drill Meet, the largest intercollegiate military drill competition  
5 in the nation, February 8, 2002; and

6 WHEREAS, the Blue Ridge Rifles and Color Guard defeated 46 other schools and placed  
7 first for the third year straight; and

8 WHEREAS, the Tulane University Drill meet is the largest intercollegiate military drill  
9 competition in the nation. It draws ROTC units in every service by branch from around the  
10 country and the service academies also regularly compete; and

11 WHEREAS, the Blue Ridge Rifles competed in four of the events and took first place in  
12 platoon exhibition, which is the Rifles' signature event that the team performs during  
13 sporting events and military parades at the university; received a perfect score for its  
14 exhibition routine; and also took first place in basic drill and third place in inspection; and

15 WHEREAS, the Color Guard team took first place in its single event, a repeat from last year  
16 when the team won the Color Guard event at Tulane for the first time in the unit's history;  
17 and

18 WHEREAS, the combined results for the Rifles and Color Guard won them the first place  
19 military drill team title for the third year in a row and the seventh time in the past decade; and

20 WHEREAS, the continued success of the Blue Ridge Rifles is important to NGCSU because  
21 it is a result of the character-focused, leadership training that the university strives to create;  
22 and

1 WHEREAS, competition this year among military service academies and senior military  
2 colleges included the Military Academy at West Point, the Air Force Academy, the Citadel  
3 and Texas A & M.; and

4 WHEREAS, the Blue Ridge Rifles and Color Guard demonstrate the value of team unity and  
5 pride and consistently exhibit the desire to perform at the highest standards.

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
7 commend the Blue Ridge Rifles and Color Guard of North Georgia College and State  
8 University for winning its third consecutive national intercollegiate military drill competition  
9 and express the pride of the entire State of Georgia for such an honor.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
11 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the cadet commanders of the Blue Ridge  
12 Rifles and the Color Guard and to Dr. Nathaniel Hansford, President of North Georgia  
13 College and State University.