

Senate Resolution 158

By: Senator Jackson of the 50<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Dr. Richard M. Austin; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Dr. Austin is employed by Piedmont College as Chair of the Department of  
3 Natural Sciences and Assistant Professor of Biology; and

4 WHEREAS, Dr. Austin, through his intimate knowledge and scientific research regarding  
5 microbiology, herpetology, physiology, and ecology has discovered and patented potentially  
6 the most significant source of underdiscovered, medically useful microorganisms since the  
7 discovery of penicillin; and

8 WHEREAS, the compounds produced by these microorganisms discovered by Dr. Austin  
9 may ultimately yield cures for serious diseases of mankind including antibiotic resistant  
10 bacterial infections, fungal infections, viral infections, including Acquired Immune  
11 Deficiency Disease (AIDS), and various types of cancer; and

12 WHEREAS, Dr. Austin has begun a long-term collaboration with Kemin Pharma, a Belgium  
13 based pharmaceutical company, to provide solutions to worldwide human health care  
14 problems; and

15 WHEREAS, Dr. Austin has, and continues to, work with fervor and compassion for the  
16 advancement of medical knowledge for humans throughout the world; and

17 WHEREAS, Dr. Austin freely acknowledges his belief in God and the ultimate role God has  
18 played in his life, education, and events leading to his discoveries.

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
20 recognize and commend Dr. Richard M. Austin for his ground-breaking scientific research  
21 and discoveries and for his significant contributions to human health care issues.

- 1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
- 2 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Dr. Richard M. Austin.