

House Resolution 774

By: Representatives Parrish of the 102nd, Coleman of the 118th, and Porter of the 119th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Don Speir; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Don Speir served as the President of Swainsboro Technical College for 22 years
3 until his retirement on March 31, 2003; and

4 WHEREAS, under his direction and guidance, Swainsboro Technical College grew from
5 offering ten programs with an enrollment of 220 students to an institution offering 24
6 diploma programs, 54 technical certificate programs, 13 associate degree programs, and
7 continuing education and adult education programs for its over 3,000 students; and

8 WHEREAS, he attended Mary Persons High School in Forsyth, Georgia; Georgia Southern
9 University, earning Bachelor of Science and Master's degrees in Industrial Arts; and the
10 University of Georgia, earning two Master's degrees in Vocational and School
11 Administration; and

12 WHEREAS, under his leadership, wisdom, and vision, Swainsboro Technical College
13 experienced dramatic student enrollment increases, gained initial accreditation by the
14 Council of Occupational Education, and expanded services to meet student and business
15 needs by adding new programs and centers for instruction; and

16 WHEREAS, at the same time as he was leading Swainsboro Technical College to
17 unprecedented levels of achievement, he was substantially involved as a leader in his
18 community, including service as president of the Monroe County Jaycees, the Swainsboro
19 Exchange Club, the Swainsboro Shrine Club, and as a member of the First United Methodist
20 Church.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
22 the members of this body commend Don Speir for his faithful, loyal, and dedicated service

1 to the cause of technical and adult education and extend to him their sincere best wishes on
2 behalf of the citizens of Georgia for continued success in his future endeavors.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
4 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Don Speir.