

Senate Resolution 808

By: Senator Jackson of the 50th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Kautex Textron Company of Lavonia for its outstanding achievements in
2 business; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, founded in 1968 as McCord/Winn in Cookeville, Tennessee, Kautex Textron
4 moved to Lavonia, Georgia, in 1994, employing 279 local workers; and

5 WHEREAS, its customers include Daimler-Chrysler, General Motors, and Honda; and

6 WHEREAS, Kautex Textron Lavonia manufactures plastic windshield-washer systems and
7 fuel tanks in its 163,400 square foot North Georgia manufacturing space; and

8 WHEREAS, because of its leading-edge efforts to increase competitiveness, enhance
9 customer satisfaction, and create stimulating and rewarding work environments,
10 *IndustryWeek* awarded Kautex Textron Lavonia with its Best Plants Award of 2003; and

11 WHEREAS, Kautex Textron Lavonia's achievements are many and include automotive
12 industry quality certification, Textron Inc.'s Continuous Improvement Award for Health and
13 Safety Performance, and Daimler-Chrysler's Gold Award for 2002; and

14 WHEREAS, Kautex Textron Lavonia has steadily improved its operations efficiency, as
15 evidenced by lowering customer rejects by 99 percent over three years, reducing scrap and
16 rework costs by 47 percent over three years, and slashing raw material inventory by 86
17 percent over three years; and

18 WHEREAS, Kautex Textron Lavonia worked intensely for several years to achieve such
19 excellence and the recognition by *IndustryWeek* is evidence there are more good things to
20 come from the company's outstanding work.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
2 commend Kautex Textron Company of Lavonia for its outstanding achievements in business
3 and manufacturing and its significant impact on and contribution to local employment and
4 the state's economy.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
6 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Kautex Textron Company of
7 Lavonia.