

Senate Resolution 342

By: Senator Tolleson of the 20th

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Dr. Argene Claxton for outstanding contributions to education  
2 in the State of Georgia; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Dr. Argene Claxton, a highly respected educator at Perry High School, was  
4 recently inducted into the Georgia Agriculture Education Hall of Fame; and

5 WHEREAS, he is the youngest member ever inducted, and his father, B. H. Claxton, was a  
6 charter member of the Hall of Fame, making them the only father and son members to be  
7 inducted; and

8 WHEREAS, the Georgia Agriculture Education Hall of Fame is dedicated to outstanding  
9 agricultural educators who have devoted their careers to instructing the youth and adults of  
10 Georgia; and

11 WHEREAS, Dr. Claxton earned bachelor's and master's degrees in Agriculture Education  
12 from the University of Georgia and a doctorate of education from Argosy University; and

13 WHEREAS, for 27 years, Dr. Claxton has been teaching at Perry High School and  
14 developing an award winning Future Farmers of America program, as evidenced by six  
15 national winning teams and two individual winners, 35 State FFA senior team event wins,  
16 finishes in the top ten in national FFA competitions 16 times, and one student having served  
17 as the National FFA President; and

18 WHEREAS, Dr. Claxton has been honored many times for his dedication to teaching and  
19 agriculture, having received the Award of Excellence from the University of Georgia College  
20 of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences Alumni Association and having been named  
21 Perry High School's STAR teacher three times and Teacher of the Year; and

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Claxton has held leadership roles in many organizations, including president  
2 of the Georgia Vocational Agriculture Teacher's Association; and

3 WHEREAS, his unwavering dedication to agriculture extends beyond his classroom, as  
4 illustrated by his students growing and planting landscape plants and flowers around the City  
5 of Perry to beautify the community and landscaping the Georgia Farm Bureau office in  
6 Perry; and

7 WHEREAS, nothing is more vital to the future of our state than the education of our young  
8 people, and Dr. Claxton has, during his teaching career, exemplified the selfless dedication  
9 and professionalism which are characteristic of our finest educators; and

10 WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this body join in expressing appreciation to Dr. Claxton for  
11 his outstanding efforts and accomplishments in professional education.

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that Dr. Argene Claxton is  
13 hereby recognized, commended, and congratulated upon selection as an inductee into the  
14 Georgia Agriculture Education Hall of Fame; and gratitude is expressed for the great credit  
15 this fine educator reflects upon Houston County and the State of Georgia.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
17 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Dr. Argene Claxton.