

## House Resolution 561

By: Representatives Mills of the 25<sup>th</sup>, Rogers of the 26<sup>th</sup>, Collins of the 27<sup>th</sup>, and Benton of the 31<sup>st</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing Russell Vandiver; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Mr. Russell Vandiver, who as Vice President of Economic Development and  
3 Executive Director of the Governor's Center of Innovation for Manufacturing Excellence,  
4 has provided sterling leadership to Lanier Technical College and has demonstrated  
5 outstanding dedication and performance to workforce development in Georgia for 30 years;  
6 and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Vandiver has provided outstanding leadership in the area of Economic  
8 Development for Hall, Forsyth, North Fulton, Banks, Jackson, Barrow, Dawson, and  
9 Lumpkin counties; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Vandiver has provided Quick Start Training for over 350 new or expanding  
11 companies creating 50,000 new jobs throughout Northeast Georgia and has provided  
12 customized training and continuing education for over 2,500 existing industries in Northeast  
13 Georgia; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Vandiver serves on numerous state-wide committees on workforce  
15 development and was instrumental in the development of Georgia's Certified Customer  
16 Service Specialist and Certified Manufacturing Specialist certificate programs; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Vandiver developed and implemented at the college the only laboratory  
18 based ammonia refrigeration training facility in the Eastern United States; and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Vandiver has been an active member of the Greater Hall Chamber of  
20 Commerce, serving as Vice-Chair of the South Hall Council and receiving the 1998 Silver  
21 Shovel Award; and

1 WHEREAS, Mr. Vandiver, who is married to Laura Vandiver, the father of Josh Vandiver,  
2 and the grandfather of Jackson Vandiver, has provided an example to his peers in the  
3 Technical College System of Georgia and is known as the "Dean of the Vice Presidents of  
4 Economic Development."

5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
6 the members of this body join in recognizing Mr. Russell Vandiver and his 30 years of  
7 contributions to Lanier Technical College, the Department of Technical and Adult Education,  
8 and the State of Georgia.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
10 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Russell Vandiver.