

Senate Resolution 906

By: Senator Golden of the 8th

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Sam Allen upon the occasion of his retirement from Valdosta  
2 City Schools; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Sam Allen became the superintendent of Valdosta City Schools in 1997;  
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Allen began his career with Valdosta City Schools as a social studies  
6 teacher in 1978; and

7 WHEREAS, he also served as assistant principal, principal, transportation director, and  
8 assistant superintendent; and

9 WHEREAS, he graduated from Valdosta State College in 1977, with a Bachelor of Arts in  
10 history, with a Masters of Education in administration and supervision in 1985, and with an  
11 Education Specialist degree in administration and supervision in 1989; and

12 WHEREAS, he has a deep respect for every member of the faculty and staff, the students,  
13 and the alumni, working tirelessly with the school system community and outside groups to  
14 move Valdosta City Schools to a new level of excellence and performance; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Allen is a civic leader serving on numerous state and regional boards,  
16 including the Georgia Association of School Administrators, the American Association of  
17 School Administrators, and the Georgia Association of Education; and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. Allen will become Superintendent Emeritus on February 18, 2008, and will  
19 retire at the end of 2008; and

20 WHEREAS, the legacy of Sam Allen will include the excellence of Valdosta City Schools  
21 that continues to change lives in positive and lasting ways.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
2 recognize and commend Mr. Sam Allen on the occasion of his retirement and his exemplary  
3 service to Valdosta City Schools, his community, and this state.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
5 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Sam Allen.