A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Ms. Marguerite Cline; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Ms. Marguerite Cline has been recognized for her outstanding public service

3 and leadership, earning the 2009 First Citizen Award from the Cherokee County Chamber

4 of Commerce; and

5 WHEREAS, a graduate of Reinhardt College, Ms. Cline earned a bachelor's and master's

6 degree from North Georgia College and an education specialist degree from West Georgia

7 College; and

8 WHEREAS, Ms. Cline served as a teacher at Clayton, Hickory Flat, R.M. Moore, and 9 Canton Elementary Schools, before working as an Instructional Supervisor, Assistant 10 Superintendent of Schools, and Superintendent of Schools; and

WHEREAS, known for her Southern grace and creative nature, Ms. Cline's 14 year tenureas the mayor of Waleska earned her the title as the first woman to hold the position; and

WHEREAS, not only was this pioneer the first woman elected as mayor of Waleska, she was
also the first woman elected as superintendent of Cherokee County schools and as
chairperson of the Cherokee County Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, a self-proclaimed perfectionist, Ms. Cline has been recognized for her
remarkable career with other awards such as Georgia School Superintendent of the Year, a
Distinguished Alumnus Award from Reinhardt College, a Lamar Haley Community Service
Award from the Rotary Club of Canton, a Robert S. Stubbs Ethics Award, a Coxe Award,
and a Lee Arrendale Vocational Award; and

- 21 WHEREAS, also an award winning columnist, Ms. Cline has two books of her amazing and
- 22 insightful newspaper columns and has hosted local television and radio shows; and

- 23 WHEREAS, active in all areas of community service, Ms. Cline is a current or past member
- 24 of the Cherokee Recreation and Parks Authority Board, Reinhardt College's Board of
- 25 Advisors and Board of Trustees Academic Affairs Committee, the Cherokee County Board
- 26 of Health, WellStar Kennestone Hospital and Wachovia Bank's advisory boards, boards of
- 27 the Falany Performing Arts Center, Cherokee County Arts Council, and Cherokee County
- 28 CASA; and

WHEREAS, a charter member of Heritage Baptist Fellowship in Canton, Ms. Cline has
served for over 50 years as the church's pianist and organist; and

- 31 WHEREAS, Ms. Cline has proven herself to be an extremely effective public servant,
- 32 approaching each challenge with determination and drive, and the State of Georgia is
- 33 honored to have such a motivated and hard-working individual as one of its citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
recognize Ms. Marguerite Cline for her outstanding career, commend her for outstanding
leadership abilities, and congratulate her on her 2009 First Citizen Award.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Ms. Cline.