

Senate Resolution 638

By: Senators Ramsey, Sr. of the 43rd, Douglas of the 17th, Buckner of the 44th and Seay of the 34th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Dr. Samuel T. King; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Dr. Samuel T. King has dedicated 24 years of his life to molding young minds
3 and challenging students through his deep personal commitment to the field of education;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, because Dr. King has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the
6 vital role that he has played in the teaching profession and the education of the students of
7 Georgia, he was chosen to lead the Rockdale County School System in 2005; and

8 WHEREAS, this highly respected professional educator has been recognized for his work
9 in raising the bar for education in Rockdale County with honors such as being named 2008
10 Outstanding Educator by the Georgia Association of Educational Leaders, nominated for
11 Georgia Superintendent of the Year, and being chosen to represent the State of Georgia in
12 the Century Club 100 and for the National Center for Education Research and Technology;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, Dr. King has earned the respect of colleagues, parents, and students with his
15 creation of the Superintendent's Advisory Council, his innovative changes to school
16 scheduling and curriculum, and his development of "Ninth Grade Academies" at each high
17 school; and

18 WHEREAS, as an educational administrator, Dr. King has worked tirelessly to increase
19 student achievement with the creation of "Safety Net Programs" to help struggling students,
20 and has implemented protocols to maintain sound fiscal policies to facilitate a debt-free
21 school system; and

22 WHEREAS, through the initiatives and leadership of Dr. King, the Rockdale County School
23 System achieved "District-Wide Accreditation" from the Southern Association of Colleges

24 and Schools on November 12, 2008, an achievement attained by only 93 of 180 school
25 districts in the State of Georgia; and

26 WHEREAS, in recognition of his contributions to the students in this state and Rockdale
27 County, it is abundantly fitting and proper for this body to honor the extraordinary
28 commitment and accomplishments of this outstanding individual.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
30 heartily and gratefully commend Dr. Samuel T. King for his leadership, foresight,
31 accomplishment, and contributions on behalf of public education in Georgia and for the
32 positive influence he has had upon the lives and futures of countless young people in this
33 state.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
35 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Dr. Samuel T. King and the Chairman
36 of the Board of Education.