

## House Resolution 504

By: Representatives Carter of the 175<sup>th</sup>, Shaw of the 176<sup>th</sup>, Houston of the 170<sup>th</sup>, Black of the 174<sup>th</sup>, Roberts of the 154<sup>th</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Wiregrass Georgia Technical College; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Wiregrass Georgia Technical College has been recognized with the prestigious  
3 honor of being named the 2010 Technical College of the Year; and
- 4 WHEREAS, the Governor Sonny Perdue Award for Technical College of the Year is  
5 presented annually to the top college in the Technical College System of Georgia and is  
6 awarded based on two dozen performance criteria, including enrollment numbers, graduation  
7 rate, student retention, job placement rate, cost efficiency, completions in adult education  
8 programs, and trends in specialized workforce training; and
- 9 WHEREAS, Wiregrass Georgia Technical College is the first recipient of this distinguished  
10 award and was recognized for its high standards of excellence and achievement among this  
11 state's 26 technical colleges; and
- 12 WHEREAS, formed after the merger of Valdosta Technical College and East Central  
13 Technical College, Wiregrass has seen a surge in enrollment of 34 percent in 2010 and a  
14 graduating class of 756, which was a 16 percent increase over the previous year's graduation  
15 rate; and
- 16 WHEREAS, in 2010, the school improved its operational efficiencies by reducing its average  
17 expenditure per student, lowered administrative costs, improved student retention, and  
18 increased the job placement rate for graduates; and
- 19 WHEREAS, the faculty and staff of Wiregrass have faithfully and continually served their  
20 students, adult learners, and businesses and industries in communities throughout the  
21 college's service delivery area by consistently delivering exceptional college and adult  
22 learning programs with outstanding levels of instruction, student services, and college  
23 administration; and

24 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding work of this fine  
25 institution and its numerous contributions to the students of this state be appropriately  
26 recognized.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
28 the members of this body commend Wiregrass Georgia Technical College for creating an  
29 environment of success for Georgia students and congratulate the faculty, staff, and students  
30 on the school's recognition as 2010 Georgia Technical College of the Year.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
32 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Wiregrass Georgia  
33 Technical College.