

Senate Resolution 731

By: Senators Hill of the 4th and Williams of the 19th

### A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Ogeechee Technical College; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Ogeechee Technical College has been named as the state's 2011 Technical  
3 College of the Year by the State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia and  
4 awarded President Dawn Cartee with the Perdue Award; and

5 WHEREAS, the judging for the award is based on several performance categories in the  
6 areas of technical education, adult education, economic development, resource development,  
7 administration, and national recognition, and the criteria includes enrollment numbers,  
8 graduates and graduation rate, student retention rate, job placement, licensure rate, the  
9 number of GED graduates who transition to college, and cost efficiencies; and

10 WHEREAS, the award is named in honor of former Governor Sonny Perdue for his many  
11 years of support for the technical colleges and their mission of workforce development  
12 through technical and adult education; and

13 WHEREAS, President Cartee and the faculty and staff have put forth an exceptional level  
14 of hard work on behalf of their students, the local community they serve, and the businesses  
15 and industries that rely on the college to fill the workforce with highly trained graduates; and

16 WHEREAS, a banner year for Ogeechee Technical College, enrollment grew by 10.3 percent  
17 between 2010 and 2011, with 4,470 students attending classes, the number of full-time  
18 equivalent students increased by 18.2 percent, and in the last year 993 students graduated in  
19 certificate, diploma, and degree programs, which was an 11.6 percent increase from the  
20 previous year; and

21 WHEREAS, by creating a respectful learning environment, Ogeechee Technical College  
22 enables students to learn with confidence, experience success, and achieve their maximum  
23 potential; and

24 WHEREAS, President Dawn Cartee has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for  
25 the vital role that she has played in the teaching profession and her deep personal  
26 commitment to the education of the students of Georgia; and

27 WHEREAS, the devotion to providing the students of Georgia with a quality education  
28 demonstrated by President Dawn Cartee, teachers, and staff is worthy of recognition.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
30 congratulate the faculty, staff, and students of Ogeechee Technical College for being named  
31 as the state's 2011 Technical College of the Year.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
33 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to President Dawn Cartee.