

Senate Resolution 761

By: Senator Rogers of the 21st

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the winner of the Rick Perkins Award for Excellence in
2 Technical Instruction Jim Rutherford; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Rick Perkins Award for Excellence in Technical Instruction is a state-wide
4 program initiated by the Technical College System of Georgia to honor outstanding
5 instructors at the System's 25 member institutions; and

6 WHEREAS, the Rick Perkins Award for Excellence in Technical Instruction began in 1991
7 and is designed to recognize and honor technical college instructors who make significant
8 contributions to technical education through innovation and leadership in their fields; and

9 WHEREAS, formerly known as the Commissioner's Award of Excellence, the Rick Perkins
10 Award was renamed in memory and honor of Thomas "Rick" Perkins, an instructor at West
11 Central Technical College, who received the Commissioner's Award immediately prior to
12 his untimely passing; and

13 WHEREAS, Rutherford has taught math courses ranging from learning support classes to
14 more advanced courses such as calculus and statistics at Chattahoochee Technical College
15 for ten years at the Jasper and Canton campuses; and

16 WHEREAS, he has 25 years of experience in private industry which is important to bring
17 into the classroom and share with students; and

18 WHEREAS, nothing is more vital to the future of our state than the education of our young
19 people and Jim Rutherford exemplifies the selfless dedication which is characteristic of our
20 finest educators; and

21 WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this body join in expressing appreciation to Jim
22 Rutherford for his efforts and accomplishments.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
24 recognize and commend Jim Rutherford, congratulate him on winning the Rick Perkins
25 Award for Excellence in Technical Instruction, and expresses their gratitude for the great
26 credit this outstanding educator reflects upon his school, the school system, and the State of
27 Georgia.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
29 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Jim Rutherford.