

Senate Resolution 779

By: Senators Rogers of the 21st, Loudermilk of the 52nd and Albers of the 56th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Jennifer Forsyth, biology teacher at Woodstock High School,
- 2 for being named the 2012 High School Science Teacher of the Year for Georgia; and for
- 3 other purposes.

- 4 WHEREAS, the Georgia Science Teachers Association's High School Science Teacher of
- 5 the Year award recognizes ongoing excellence in the teaching of science and commitment
- 6 to its improvement; and

- 7 WHEREAS, a teacher must have more than four years of experience and be nominated by
- 8 a supervisor or peer to be eligible for this award, and the application process includes
- 9 submission of a lesson plan and an essay on the teacher's educational philosophy, as well as
- 10 professional and biographical information; and

- 11 WHEREAS, Ms. Forsyth teaches Honors and AP Biology and Scientific Research II; and

- 12 WHEREAS, she was selected in 2011 as a national Siemens STEM Academy Fellow, and
- 13 her biology class won a \$30,000 service learning grant for its water quality education project
- 14 in 2010; and

- 15 WHEREAS, she is nationally board certified in science, earned her bachelor's degree and two
- 16 master's degrees from the University of Central Florida, and received her education specialist
- 17 degree from Georgia State University in Science Education; and

- 18 WHEREAS, a proper quality education for the young people of this state is the single most
- 19 important objective of the General Assembly; and

- 20 WHEREAS, nothing is more vital to the future of our state than the education of our young
- 21 people, and Ms. Forsyth exemplifies the selfless dedication which is characteristic of our
- 22 finest educators; and

23 WHEREAS, Ms. Forsyth is a highly respected educator, dedicating her time, talents, and
24 energy to challenging and inspiring the future leaders of this state; and

25 WHEREAS, she has earned distinction for teaching excellence as a result of her dedication
26 to the students of Woodstock High School, and she has been honored as the 2012 High
27 School Science Teacher of the Year for Georgia; and

28 WHEREAS, the devotion demonstrated by Jennifer Forsyth to providing the students of
29 Georgia with a quality education is worthy of recognition.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
31 commend Jennifer Forsyth for her outstanding commitment to education and recognize her
32 for being named the 2012 High School Science Teacher of the Year for Georgia.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
34 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Jennifer Forsyth.