

## 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.