

Senate Resolution 608

By: Senator Miller of the 49th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Mr. Russell Vandiver on the occasion of his retirement; and
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Russell Vandiver long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the
4 vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the welfare
5 and expansion of Lanier Technical College; and

6 WHEREAS, he has diligently and conscientiously devoted 37 years of his time, talents, and
7 energy toward the betterment of the school as vice president of economic development and
8 president; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Vandiver, a native of Habersham County, has earned degrees from the
10 University of West Georgia, Brenau University, and the University of Georgia; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Vandiver became interim president of Lanier Technical College in
12 February 2010 before becoming full-time president seven months later; under his guidance,
13 the school has continued to grow and prosper, and what began as a small trade school has
14 grown to encompass five campuses and dozens of programs; and

15 WHEREAS, he has also served Lanier Tech as a special needs coordinator and coordinator
16 of industrial training; and

17 WHEREAS, as vice president of economic development, Mr. Vandiver customized contract
18 training for more than 2,500 businesses and industries and was instrumental in the creation
19 of Lanier Tech's Manufacturing Development Center, a business incubator that opened in
20 2007 in Gainesville at the Featherbone Community facility; and

21 WHEREAS, under his leadership, Lanier Tech has grown into an important force in the
22 community as a college dedicated to providing real world jobs skills for students preparing
23 to enter the work force; and

24 WHEREAS, Mr. Vandiver's significant organizational and leadership talents, his remarkable
25 patience and diplomacy, his keen sense of vision, and his sensitivity to the needs of the
26 citizens of this state have earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues and
27 associates; and

28 WHEREAS, he is a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for
29 integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness; and

30 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
31 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
33 commend Mr. Russell Vandiver for his efficient, effective, unselfish, and dedicated
34 leadership at Lanier Technical College; congratulate him upon the grand occasion of his
35 retirement; and extend to him their most sincere best wishes for continued health and
36 happiness.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
38 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Russell Vandiver.