

Senate Resolution 641

By: Senators Carter of the 1st, Wilkinson of the 50th, Shafer of the 48th, Chance of the 16th and Staton of the 18th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Mr. Jerry Nix on the occasion of his retirement as an
2 executive of Genuine Parts Company and his stepping down as chairman of the Board of
3 Trustees of Young Harris College; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Jerry Nix has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the vital
5 role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the welfare of the
6 citizens of Georgia; and

7 WHEREAS, he has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,
8 talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced
9 dramatically by his superlative service with the Board of Trustees of Young Harris College
10 and with Genuine Parts Company; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Nix's significant organizational and leadership talents, his remarkable
12 patience and diplomacy, his keen sense of vision, and his sensitivity to the needs of the
13 citizens of this state have earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues and
14 associates; and

15 WHEREAS, he was elected to the board in 1994 and was elected vice chairman in 2000,
16 chairman in 2008, and will be completing his tenure in April, 2013; and

17 WHEREAS, during his service on the board, he has chaired the Endowment Committee,
18 Finance Committee, and the 2003-2004 presidential search committee; and

19 WHEREAS, as board chairman, Mr. Nix has provided critical leadership, vision, and support
20 to Young Harris College during its most significant period of growth, as the school
21 transitioned from a two-year to a four-year college; and

22 WHEREAS, throughout his 19 year service to Young Harris College, Mr. Nix also worked
23 tirelessly at Genuine Parts Company, a major Fortune 500 company headquartered in
24 Atlanta, rising to the position of Chief Financial Officer, and, in 2006, Vice Chairman before
25 his retirement on March 1, 2013; and

26 WHEREAS, he is a 1968 graduate of Mississippi State University and served as a pilot in
27 the United States Air Force for five years; and

28 WHEREAS, Mr. Nix is united in love and marriage to Mrs. Cheryl Nix and the two have
29 been blessed with three remarkable children and several cherished grandchildren; 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. Jerry Nix for his efficient, effective, unselfish, and dedicated leadership at
34 Young Harris College and Genuine Parts Company; congratulate him upon the grand
35 occasion of his retirement; and extend to him their most sincere best wishes for continued
36 health and 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. Jerry Nix.