

## Senate Resolution 1226

By: Senators Wilkinson of the 50th, Ginn of the 47th, Gooch of the 51st and Miller of the 49th

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Gary L. Minyard; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Gary L. Minyard is an educator whose impact has reached far beyond the  
3 classroom and into the community and lives of countless students; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Mr. Minyard obtained his associate's degree from Emmanuel College, then went  
5 on to earn his bachelor's, master's, and specialist's degrees from the University of Georgia;  
6 and
- 7 WHEREAS, he taught at Wilkes County High School for one year before moving to Franklin  
8 County, where he has taught since 1976; and
- 9 WHEREAS, during his time at Franklin County Middle School and Franklin County High  
10 School, Mr. Minyard has established one of the most prolific agricultural education programs  
11 in this state, with numerous career development winners, proficiency winners, and degree  
12 recipients; and
- 13 WHEREAS, his Future Farmers of America (FFA) teams have won 33 state Career  
14 Development Events (CDEs) and two national competitions; and
- 15 WHEREAS, hundreds of students from his chapter have received their Georgia FFA degrees,  
16 and approximately 40 have gone on to earn the American FFA degree; and
- 17 WHEREAS, the chapter has produced one national officer, 13 state officers, and 46 state  
18 proficiency winners under Mr. Minyard's leadership, with 22 of these proficiency finalists  
19 continuing on to become national finalists and seven winning in their respective areas; and
- 20 WHEREAS, Mr. Minyard's students have won State Star Farmer six times, State Star in  
21 Agribusiness twice, State Star in Placement three times, and State Star in Agriscience four

22 times; additionally, his chapter has been honored 11 times with the Superior Chapter Award;  
23 and

24 WHEREAS, professionally, Mr. Minyard has been recognized as a leader by his peers,  
25 serving three years as the vice president of GVA and three years as district director of  
26 GVATA; he was honored in 1979 as the GVATA Outstanding Young Member, and in both  
27 1995 and 2002 as GVATA Teacher of the Year; and

28 WHEREAS, throughout his 20 years as department chair of Franklin County Agricultural  
29 Education, he has received Educator of the Year awards from Georgia Cattlemen's  
30 Association, Georgia Green Industry, and Georgia Pork Producers Association; in 1992, he  
31 was named Georgia Agri-Science Teacher of the Year, in 2002, he was listed in Who's Who  
32 Among American Teachers, and in 2012, he was elected to the Georgia Agriculture  
33 Education Hall of Fame; and

34 WHEREAS, Mr. Minyard is an active member of Zidon Baptist Church where he is the  
35 Sunday school superintendent and serves as a deacon and Gideon; and

36 WHEREAS, his career as an agriculture educator serves as a model for other teachers, as  
37 well as a positive example of someone who has been both a friend and mentor to his students  
38 and an invaluable resource to his community.

39 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
40 recognize and commend Gary L. Minyard for his countless accomplishments as an educator  
41 in the State of Georgia and express to him their most sincere best wishes for continued  
42 success and happiness.

43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
44 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Gary L. Minyard.