

Senate Resolution 170

By: Senators Hill of the 4th and Millar of the 40th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring and recognizing Effingham County as the 2016 College and Career Academy of
2 the Year; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, in 2016, Lieutenant Governor Casey Cagle named Effingham as the College
4 and Career Academy of the Year; and

5 WHEREAS, Effingham College and Career Academy (ECCA) is a charter program high
6 school proudly serving as the model for the Effingham County School System's commitment
7 to developing and sustaining partnerships with local employers and postsecondary education
8 providers to successfully respond to the current and future demand for skilled labor in the
9 workforce; and

10 WHEREAS, with more than 50 educational and community partnerships, Effingham leaders
11 have drastically increased student achievement, leading students into the 21st century
12 dynamic workforce with numerous pathways designed for the specific needs of their
13 employers; and

14 WHEREAS, the mission of ECCA is to create a high-tech career focus to better serve
15 students' needs for those entering the workforce from high school and those planning further
16 postsecondary options; and

17 WHEREAS, designated as a Ford Next Generation Learning Community, Effingham actively
18 provides academic and career programs to further student achievement; and

19 WHEREAS, with the goal of creating a "high tech career" focus, they have a proven track
20 record of equipping their students with the skills needed to directly enter the workforce or
21 pursue additional postsecondary opportunities; and

22 WHEREAS, they currently have a 100 percent graduation rate, with 60 percent of graduates
23 going directly to college and 30 percent obtaining full-time employment or entering
24 apprenticeship opportunities; and

25 WHEREAS, the governing Board of Directors of ECCA is composed of representatives from
26 local and major industries representative of the career classes offered, the Effingham
27 Industrial Development Authority, the Effingham County Chamber of Commerce, the
28 Effingham County System CTAE Coordinator, the Vice President of Academic Affairs of
29 Savannah Technical College, the Effingham Board of Education, the ECCA CEO, parents,
30 students, and the Director of the STEM Institute of Georgia Southern University.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
32 honor and recognize Effingham County as the 2016 College and Career Academy of the Year
33 and for its dedicated service to the community and state.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
35 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Effingham
36 County.