

## Senate Resolution 790

By: Senators Bethel of the 54th, Cowser of the 46th, Tippins of the 37th, Thompson of the 14th, Hufstetler of the 52nd and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing Shaw Industries Group, Inc., as the 2013 Business Partner of the Year; and for  
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, collaboration between business and education better ensures that students  
4 graduate high school equipped with skills necessary to thrive in the workplace,  
5 postsecondary education, and life; and

6 WHEREAS, Shaw Industries Group, Inc., has always been a supporter of the Northwest  
7 Georgia community, and their business partnership with education has now taken that  
8 support to a new level; and

9 WHEREAS, company representatives serve on the boards of two college and career  
10 academies: Northwest Georgia College and Career Academy, serving students from  
11 Whitfield, Dalton, and Murray counties, and Gordon College and Career Academy; and

12 WHEREAS, specifically, it has been Shaw Industries Group, Inc., Director of Operations,  
13 Training, and Development Brian Cooksey who has provided the leadership to turn around  
14 student attitudes in education and work force success in the manufacturing and carpet  
15 industry; and

16 WHEREAS, Brian Cooksey spearheaded the development of the Mechatronics Pathway and  
17 wrote the standards approved by the Department of Education for use across Georgia; and

18 WHEREAS, today, Mechatronics is taught at Northwest Georgia College and Career  
19 Academy with 40 students starting the pathway; and

20 WHEREAS, these students, and many more to come, will have the opportunity to complete  
21 postsecondary work in industrial systems and take advantage of work based learning  
22 opportunities at Shaw Industries Group, Inc., and other carpet manufacturers; and

23 WHEREAS, Shaw Industries Group, Inc., has devoted countless hours to support the work  
24 of college and career academies in order to produce highly skilled and successful students  
25 ready to work in the carpet manufacturing industry.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
27 commend Shaw Industries Group, Inc., on its partnership with Northwest Georgia's and  
28 Gordon County's College and Career Academies and recognize it as the 2013 Business  
29 Partner of the Year.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
31 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Shaw Industries Group, Inc.