

The State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia



A Resolution

The State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia wishes to honor

North Metro Technical College

- WHEREAS,** the Professional Landcare Network, also known as PLANET, is an international organization and a respected leader and voice in the green industry that includes lawn care professionals, landscape management contractors, design/build/installation professionals, and horticulturists; and
- WHEREAS,** PLANET sponsors its annual Student Career Days competition for students from green industry programs at major colleges and universities from throughout the nation; and
- WHEREAS,** North Metro Technical College hosted the 32nd annual PLANET competition during March 2008 and welcomed almost 1,000 student competitors from 66 colleges and universities and 140 of their faculty members, as well as 300 landcare professionals and 100 potential employers to their Acworth campus; and
- WHEREAS,** North Metro Technical College, undeterred by enormous and unlikely odds against them by being the smallest college in the event, fielded a group of 23 knowledgeable, skilled and determined students who participated 25 highly competitive events involving individual and team honors; and
- WHEREAS,** the little but mighty North Metro team took on the likes of Brigham Young University, Cal Poly, North Carolina State, Penn State, Mississippi State, Michigan State, and yes, even the University of Georgia, and, in the end, defeated them all and took first place, earning vast respect as only the second two-year college in the competition's history to take first place; and
- WHEREAS,** North Metro's honors did not end there, as the college's Matthew Early won the individual student competition and was designated as the next PLANET "Superstar," and one of his instructors, Rex Bishop, was named PLANET's Outstanding Educator of the Year; and
- WHEREAS,** the students, faculty and staff of the North Metro Technical College horticulture program have brought outstanding honor to the College, their families, their communities and the Technical College System of Georgia,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia, with great pride, respect and admiration for the students, faculty and staff of North Metro Technical College, that we congratulate the College for its first place finish in the PLANET 32nd annual Student Career Days competition.

Carl E. Swearingen
Chairman
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