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Athens, GA—Ronald W. “Ron” Jackson, commissioner of the Technical College System of Georgia (TCSG), will deliver the keynote address during the 2009 Academic Program Graduation Ceremony at 7 p.m. on Thursday, June 11, at the Classic Center in downtown Athens.

Dr. Flora Tydings, president of Athens Technical College, states that nearly 550 students who completed diploma and associate degree programs during the 2008-2009 are eligible to participate in this ceremony.

Mr. Jackson was appointed to the TCSG commissioner’s position on Feb. 6, 2008. He joined the system in December 2004 as deputy commissioner and served as interim commissioner from December 2006 until his February 2008 appointment as commissioner.

Mr. Jackson was the deputy director of the Governor’s Office of Planning and Budget (OPB) from 2002 to 2004. Prior to that, he was OPB’s director of strategic planning, research, and evaluation. While at OPB, Mr. Jackson served three governors and worked on many projects across state government, including strategic planning for the state and its government agencies.

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He was also closely involved in management of Georgia's program and results-based budgeting, the development of the state's new web-based financial management system, and the Governor's legislative tracking system. He also advised the Education Reform Study Commission.

Mr. Jackson's management talents were lent to the 1996 Summer Olympic Games, where he served as the executive assistant to the commander of the State Olympic Law Enforcement Command. Earlier, Mr. Jackson was the director of parole with the Georgia State Board of Pardons and Paroles from 1991 until 1994 and was that agency's director of field operations from 1990 to 1991.

He began his professional career with the Texas Department of Corrections after graduating from Sam Houston State University in 1971 with a bachelor of science degree in criminal justice. From 1982 to 1990, he served as a commissioner on the Texas Parole Board. He also supervised the editing and publishing of the *Texas Journal of Corrections* and published several articles in professional journals and newsletters. In 1991, he co-authored the book *Current Parole Practices: United States and Canada*, which was published by the American Correctional Association.

From 1984 to 1990, Mr. Jackson served in several offices of the Association of Paroling Authorities International (APAI) and was the APAI president from 1986 to 1988. He has served on the Board of Governors of the American Correctional Association, as well as on many of that organization's committees. From 1992 to 1996, Mr. Jackson was a commissioner on the Commission on Accreditation for Corrections, the accrediting body for state and federal correctional facilities, agencies, and programs. He also served on the National Committee on Community Corrections, a coalition of public officials, researchers, and correctional professionals representing local, state, and federal interests.

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