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William Jerles, Jr. Elected Chairman of the Georgia Student Finance Commission Board of Commissioners

ATLANTA – The Georgia Student Finance Commission (GSFC) announced that its Board of Commissioners has elected William “Billy” Jerles, Jr. to serve as Chairman for a one-year term. Jerles was also elected as Chair of the Boards of the Georgia Student Finance Authority (GSFA) and the Georgia Higher Education Assistance Corporation (GHEAC).

Jerles was first appointed in August 2003 by Governor Sonny Perdue to represent Georgia’s Eighth Congressional District. He was reappointed on January 25, 2008, for a term of office ending March 15, 2013. During his tenure, he has served as Vice Chair for two consecutive fiscal years (2007-2008 and 2008-2009). He is currently the Chair of the Public Policy and Law Committee, Vice Chair of the Executive and Compensation Committee, and is a member of the Finance and Business Operations Committee.

“We are very fortunate to have Billy serve as Chair. His business knowledge and insights will be of tremendous benefit to GSFC,” said Tim Connell, President of the Georgia Student Finance Commission.

Jerles continues to be actively involved with community, social and civic organizations. He currently serves on the Perry-Houston County Airport Authority as Secretary/Treasurer and volunteers as an Angel Flight Pilot flying missions for patients needing access to medical treatment long distances from home. He is a member and past President of the Perry Rotary Club, served on the Perry City Council for ten years and as Mayor Pro-Tem. His many civic activities include serving as pro bono legal counsel for the Perry Chamber of Commerce, Flint EMC Charitable Foundation, and is a member of Perry First United Methodist Church.

“The sole mission of GSFC is to support, promote and increase access to education beyond high school for Georgians through scholarships, grants, loans and other related programs such as the HOPE Program and GAcollege411. This is a great honor for me to be elected as Chairman, and I look forward to working alongside the members of the GSFC Board, Tim Connell and the GSFC staff to continue its mission,” said William “Billy” Jerles, Jr., Chairman of the Georgia Student Finance Commission Board of Commissioners.

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About the Georgia Student Finance Commission

Since 1965 the Georgia Student Finance Commission (GSFC) has provided more than \$9 billion in financial aid to help over two million Georgians achieve their dreams of higher education. GSFC funds and services 15 different low-interest education loan programs including Stafford and PLUS loans, consolidation loans, and state service cancelable loans. GSFC also administers multiple scholarship and grant programs, including the nationally acclaimed HOPE Scholarship and Grant Program. Additional information about GSFC products and services is available at www.gsfc.org or (800) 505-GSFC (4732).

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