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Mr. Donald D. Howard Elected Chair of the Georgia Student Finance Commission Board of Commissioners

ATLANTA – The Georgia Student Finance Commission (GSFC) announced its Board of Commissioners has elected Mr. Donald “Don” D. Howard Chair for the 2015-2016 fiscal year. Howard was also elected Chair of the Boards of the Georgia Student Finance Authority (GSFA) and the Georgia Higher Education Assistance Corporation (GHEAC).

Mr. Howard represents Georgia’s 11th congressional district and was first appointed to GSFC’s Board in 2010 by then Governor Sonny Perdue. He was reappointed in April 2013 by Governor Nathan Deal and his term expires in March 2019. Howard is the chairman of Bank of North Georgia and regional chief executive officer of Synovus. He is past chairman of the board at North Fulton Hospital, member of the Dean’s Advisory Council for the College of Business at Georgia Southern University, past secretary and treasurer of the North Fulton Community Improvement District, and member of the Shepherd Center Foundation Board of Trustees. Howard earned a bachelor’s degree from Georgia Southern University and is a graduate of the Georgia Banking School and the School of Banking of the South. He and his wife, Teri, have three children and five grandchildren.

“Don Howard brings tremendous expertise to the board. His finance background has been invaluable and GSFC is very fortunate that he has agreed to serve as Chairman of the Board,” said Tricia Chastain, President of GSFC.

Newly elected Chair Howard added, “I look forward to working with President Chastain, my fellow board members and the GSFC staff as we fulfill the agency’s mission to promote and increase access to education beyond high school for Georgians.”

About the Georgia Student Finance Commission

GSFC is the state agency that administers the HOPE Scholarship and Grant Program as well as other state- and lottery- funded financial aid programs. GSFC also manages the career and college preparation website, GAcollege411.org and provides educational services such as free financial aid consultation, default management and financial literacy to elementary, middle and high schools, and postsecondary institutions across the state. Additional information about GSFC products and services is available at www.gsfc.org or www.GAcollege411.org or 800.505.GSFC (4732).