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**GHSA ANNOUNCES COOPERATIVE SPIRIT SPORTSMANSHIP
AWARD WINNING HIGH SCHOOLS**

Georgia High School Association (GHSA) and Georgia Electric Membership Corporation (GEMC) today announce the 31 GHSA-member high schools that will receive the 2007 GEMC Cooperative Spirit Sportsmanship Award honoring exemplary sportsmanship demonstrated during the 2006-07 school year.

Sponsored by GHSA and Georgia's EMCs, the Cooperative Spirit Sportsmanship Awards program was introduced in 2006 to honor GHSA-member schools that exhibit outstanding sportsmanship. The awards program is designed to promote sportsmanship by honoring those who do it well, reinforcing GHSA's philosophy: "Student athletes, coaches, spectators, and all others associated with high school activities programs should adhere to the fundamental values of respect, fairness, honesty and responsibility."

The program honors student athletes along with fellow students, school staff, parents and game spectators, making the award not only a school but a community honor.

The Cooperative Spirit Sportsmanship Awards are presented annually to GHSA-member high schools with up to 40 awards distributed, one available for each of five classifications within GHSA's eight regions. Region GHSA secretaries select winners based on sportsmanship demonstrated the previous year.

"I want to congratulate all the schools that were selected by their respective regions as examples of good sportsmanship," said GHSA Executive Director Dr. Ralph

Swearngin. “Awards bestowed by peers are especially meaningful. It is my hope that all GHSA schools will follow the lead of these schools and make proper behavior at high school sporting events a high priority.”

Representatives from the EMCs will present sportsmanship trophies to winning high schools within their service territories at presentations during fall athletic events.

Winners of the 2007 Cooperative Spirit Sportsmanship Awards include:

- Region 1:** Berrien County High School
Crisp County High School
Thomas County High School
Lowndes High School
- Region 2:** Wheeler County High School
Brantley County High School
Northgate High School
- Region 3:** Bryan County High School
Westside High School, Augusta
Wayne County High School
Evans High School
Camden County High School
- Region 4:** Schley County High School
Tattnall County High School
Northeast High School, Macon
Griffin High School
- Region 5:** Providence Christian School
Macon County High School
Westminster School
Sequoyah High School
Etowah High School
- Region 6:** Excel Christian School
Carrollton High School
Marist High School
Chattahoochee High School
- Region 7:** Rockmart High School
Forsyth Central High School
- Region 8:** Hebron Christian Academy
Oglethorpe County High School
Franklin County High School
Winder-Barrow High School
Grayson High School

A voluntary organization composed of more than 400 public and private high schools; the Georgia High School Association strives to promote good sportsmanship and a cooperative spirit among its member schools.

Through a statewide network, Georgia's EMCs provide electricity and related services to four million people, nearly half of Georgia's population, across 73 percent of the state's land area. Georgia's 42 electric membership cooperatives serve more customers than any other state network of EMCs in the nation.

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