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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**TAG Announces Ron Clark to Speak at
2009 Georgia Technology Summit**

ATLANTA (January 19, 2009) – The Technology Association of Georgia (TAG) today announced *New York Times* best-selling author and renowned educator Ron Clark will speak at the 2009 Georgia Technology Summit, held March 3, 2009 at the Cobb Galleria. Registration for the event is open now at www.tagonline.org/georgia-technology-summit.php.

The Georgia Technology Summit is an annual recognition of and celebration of Georgia's technology industry. The event reinforces the significance of innovation in Georgia and recognizes local leadership in technology. This year's event, themed "The Energy of Innovation," will address the energy concerns at the forefront of our national agenda and innovation as a necessary element to business performance and growth.

Dubbed "American's Educator", Clark was named Disney's American Teacher of the Year for his outstanding success with students from low-wealth areas of North Carolina and NYC. Clark has been honored at the White House on three separate occasions, and has been featured on The Today Show, CNN, and The Oprah Winfrey Show.

Clark is the founder of the Ron Clark Academy, a dynamic and innovative middle school serving students in Atlanta, Ga. The privately-funded institution provides an out-of-the-box curriculum that focuses on raising test scores by using exciting, creative and engaging strategies.

"Ron is a true inspiration to educators and anyone who has dedicated themselves to changing deeply entrenched norms," said Tino Mantella, president of TAG. "The principles he has applied to create innovative programs at the Ron Clark Academy are not only applicable to education but also to driving real business results."

In addition to educating students, the Ron Clark Academy is a training site for teachers. Each year more than 3,000 educators from around the world visit the academy to observe Clark and his staff to learn more about helping students of all levels achieve great success. After only one year in operation, the academy received its SACS CASI accreditation in June 2008.

Clark joins keynote speaker Thomas Friedman, long-time *New York Times* columnist and author of *Hot, Flat and Crowded: Why We Need a Green Revolution — and How It Can Renew America* and Daniel Heintzleman, senior vice president of GE's Energy's Services business and an expert in the energy and technology arenas, as the third in a trio of speakers at the 2009 Georgia Technology Summit.

For more information about TAG and the Georgia Technology Summit, visit www.tagonline.org/georgia-technology-summit.php.

About Technology Association of Georgia

The Technology Association of Georgia (TAG) is a non-profit organization whose mission is to support its members by generating opportunities for personal, professional and business growth. By forging strategic alliances, TAG serves as a primary catalyst to foster a rich environment for economic development in Georgia's technology community. TAG is made up of over 6,000

members representing technology leaders from over 1,500 Georgia-based companies, affiliated technology and business organizations. For more information on TAG, visit www.tagonline.org.

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