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**Governor Perdue Announces Executive Appointments**

ATLANTA — Governor Sonny Perdue announced today the following executive appointments.

Brief biographies are provided below:

**Jekyll Island State Park Authority**

**A. Richard Royal, 69, Camilla** - Royal is president and owner of Royal Investments, Inc. and is retiring from the Georgia House of Representatives, where he has served since 1983. He is a past president of the Camilla Chamber of Commerce and the Camilla Rotary Club and served ten years on the City Council of Camilla. He has received numerous awards such as the Georgia Chamber of Commerce Lifetime Achievement Award, the Georgia Forestry Commission Legislator of the Year Award, and the Georgia Farm Bureau Commodity Award. Royal earned a bachelor's degree from the Georgia Institute of Technology. He and his wife, Marilyn, have five grown children and nine grandchildren.

**Georgia State Indemnification Commission**

**John C. Crawley, 54, Thomson, Firefighter Representative** — Crawley is deputy fire chief of the City of Thomson Fire Department. He is a charter member of McDuffie County Fire/Rescue and an executive board member of the Georgia State Firefighters Association. He is past president of the Georgia State Firefighters Association and served on the Georgia Fire Academy Advisory Council. He and his wife, Penny, have three children.

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