## NOTES FOR GEORGIA TECH PRESIDENT G. WAYNE CLOUGH Stewart School of ISyE Plaque Unveiling, May 12, 2006

- Pleased to have this opportunity to join with College of Engineering and School of Industrial and Systems Engineering in thanking Milt and Carolyn Stewart for their incredible gift.
- GT known across nation and around world for engineering, and within engineering ISyE has now been #1 in the nation for 16 consecutive years. This is a valuable asset to GT:
  - As things become more interdisciplinary and challenges more complex, the ability to deal with systems is becoming more critical.
  - As global economy emerges around us and world trade expands, expertise in logistics, is increasingly sought after.
  - GT's #1 ranking in ISyE opens doors of opportunity for international engagement:
    - Singapore: The Logistics Institute
    - Executive master's in international logistics with residences in France, Brazil, Singapore
- Appropriate that ISyE bear Milt Stewart's name
  - Was an outstanding student at GT.
  - After graduation, began career at Standard Telephone small company owned by his family which provided local and toll telephone service in northeast Georgia.
  - Built the company into a successful diversified business with 5 subsidiaries, including a directory service, a cable TV company, wireless and paging services, and Internet access.
  - When purchased by Alltel in 1998, Standard Group, Inc. had 68,000 phone lines and 28,000 cable customers.
- Appropriate to lift Milt up as model for our students
  - His success the result of vision, courage, perseverance, and skillful systems engineering.
  - Also gives back to community, GT:
    - Has won awards for his contributions to the Boy Scouts
    - 45 years of giving to GT RollCall plus several million dollars in special gifts.
- Naming gift for the H. Milton Stewart School of Industrial and Systems Engineering is the capstone of a successful career and generous spirit of giving back.
- As Chip White, Don Giddens have indicated, Stewart gift will be an incredible resource that will enable School to continue blossoming as national and international leader.
- Invite Milt and Carolyn Stewart to come forward for unveiling of plaque. (Pictures taken as it is done) Invite Milt to say a few words.