

Senate Resolution 161

By: Senator Bowen of the 13<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Mr. DeNean Stafford, Jr.; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, 2001 marks the 50th anniversary of the business ventures of Mr. DeNean  
3 Stafford, Jr., who purchased Reliable Tractor Company, a John Deere dealership, in 1951;  
4 and that single enterprise, which Mr. Stafford and his family still own and operate today,  
5 ultimately led to numerous successful family business ventures which have experienced  
6 continued growth under the leadership of Mr. Stafford's son, DeNean Stafford III; and
- 7 WHEREAS, the Stafford Development Company now owns substantial interests in  
8 numerous other John Deere dealerships in the Southeast; Mr. Stafford is also a successful  
9 owner and operator of numerous Wendy's franchises; and Stafford Properties is responsible  
10 for developing and managing extensive retail, office, and other investment properties; and
- 11 WHEREAS, Mr. Stafford served this state as a member of the Georgia Senate from the 49th  
12 District from 1959 to 1960, and before that, he honorably served his country as a member of  
13 the Army Air Force in the North Atlantic Division of Air Transport Command during World  
14 War II; he is a noted and honored philanthropist of numerous educational, charitable, and  
15 religious organizations who supports enjoyment of the cultural arts, economic development,  
16 and educational opportunities; and he is a distinguished alumnus of the University of Georgia  
17 and an honorary alumnus of Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College; and
- 18 WHEREAS, it is only fitting and proper that Mr. Stafford be recognized by this body.
- 19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
20 commend Mr. DeNean Stafford, Jr., for his contributions to the welfare of this state and  
21 congratulate him for his many achievements.
- 22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
23 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. DeNean Stafford, Jr.