

House Resolution 675

By: Representatives Birdsong of the 104th and Jordan of the 83rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Willie Stephens, Jr.; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Willie Stephens, Jr., a senior and honor student at Twiggs County High School,
3 Jeffersonville, Georgia, has achieved noted and extraordinary achievement in the area of
4 scientific research with Georgia College and State University; and

5 WHEREAS, Willie Stephens, Jr., was a participant in the summer Georgia College and State
6 University's 2002 Project SEED (Summer Educational Experience for Economically
7 Disadvantaged) which is a program designed to mentor economically disadvantaged high
8 school students and provide research experiences; and

9 WHEREAS, Project SEED was founded by the Science Education Outreach, the Kaolin
10 Endowment, and the American Chemical Society's Committee on Project SEED; and

11 WHEREAS, the research and writing skills of Willie Stephens, Jr., have been designated by
12 the Chemistry Department of Georgia College and State University as exemplary and rare
13 for any high school student in the areas of science and chemistry; and

14 WHEREAS, Willie Stephens, Jr., has completed two unique research projects that may have
15 far reaching impact in the areas of science and chemistry; and

16 WHEREAS, in his initial project, Willie Stephens, Jr., created an affordable
17 photolithography system of which photolithography is a key technique for the production of
18 microelectronics and may impact the effects of the future computer chip; and

19 WHEREAS, this project earned him coauthorship on a manuscript submitted to the Journal
20 of Chemical Education under the tutelage of Dr. Scott Brittain; and

1 WHEREAS, in the second project, Willie Stephens, Jr., prepared a new biodegradable plastic
2 from shrimp shells, colored them with dyes that he prepared in the laboratory under the
3 guidance of Dr. Roasalie Richards, who is the Kaolin endowed chair in science and associate
4 professor of chemistry at Georgia College and State University; and

5 WHEREAS, Willie Stephens, Jr.'s work will offer the scientific market an affordable
6 biodegradable plastic and have future effects on microelectronics; and

7 WHEREAS, it is fitting that this Twiggs County High School student, Willie Stephens, Jr.,
8 be publicly recognized for his rare achievements and successes in the fields of science and
9 chemistry.

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
11 the members of this body commend Willie Stephens, Jr., for his accomplishments.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
13 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Willie Stephens, Jr.