

Senate Resolution 1284

By: Senator Harbison of the 15th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing George Stanton and congratulating him on his promotion to vice president of
2 academic affairs of Columbus State University; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, George Stanton is known as a consummate professional, a scientist who is
4 universally admired by the faculty who know him well; and

5 WHEREAS, Columbus State University has approximately 7,500 students and has enjoyed
6 an explosive advancement of building both on and around campus as well as downtown and
7 continues to grow, expecting expansion of the student body and the faculty; and

8 WHEREAS, George Stanton, a native of Muncie, Pennsylvania, and a graduate of Bucknell
9 University, had just finished his doctoral dissertation in zoology-entomology at the
10 University of Maine in 1969 when he was contacted by Jack Anderson of Columbus College
11 concerning a teaching position; and

12 WHEREAS, he quickly made himself a valuable member of the community as well as the
13 school, and in the early 1970's he was appointed to the Muscogee School Board where he
14 served for ten years, two of those years as president; and

15 WHEREAS, George Stanton led the "Cool Our Kids" campaign to air condition the schools
16 in the late 1980's; and

17 WHEREAS, among numerous awards, he was selected as the Columbus Jaycees'
18 Outstanding Young Man of 1976; and

19 WHEREAS, he served 21 years as Columbus State University's Department of Biology
20 chairman and serves currently as the dean of the College of Science; and

1 WHEREAS, his greatest accomplishment to date is his work in the establishment of the
2 Oxbow Meadows Environmental Learning Center, located on 1,600 acres of hardwood
3 wetland habitat at the southern end of the Chattahoochee Riverwalk; and

4 WHEREAS, George Stanton is known for having an abiding love for nature and water which
5 began in his childhood, as evidenced by his many photographs of lakes and water creatures
6 on his office walls but even more so illustrated by his strong environmental advocacy; and

7 WHEREAS, George Stanton has proved to be an asset to his community and the State of
8 Georgia; and it is only fitting that he be recognized by this body.

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that this body recognizes and
10 congratulates George Stanton on his professional and life accomplishments and expresses
11 their gratitude for his service to his community and the State of Georgia.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
13 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to George Stanton.