

House Resolution 1507

By: Representative Baker of the 78th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending General Robert "Steve" Stephens; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, General Robert "Steve" Stephens has long been recognized for his active role
3 in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the welfare of the citizens of this state and
4 nation; and
- 5 WHEREAS, General Stephens served for three decades as a guardian of this nation's freedom
6 and liberty with the United States Army, honorably and valiantly protecting democracy; and
- 7 WHEREAS, he was recognized with numerous accolades and honors during his prestigious
8 military career, including the Distinguished Service Medal, the Department of Defense
9 Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star with V device and two oak leaf
10 clusters, the Purple Heart, and the Air Medal with V device and four oak leaf clusters; and
- 11 WHEREAS, General Stephens earned a bachelor's degree from West Virginia State
12 University and a master's degree from Alfred University and is a graduate of the National
13 War College, the Army Command and General Staff College, and the Defense Language
14 Institute; and
- 15 WHEREAS, he diligently and conscientiously dedicates his time, talents, and energy to
16 Clayton State University, where he serves as vice president of External Relations and
17 executive assistant to the president; and
- 18 WHEREAS, General Stephens held numerous leadership positions in both the military and
19 civilian arenas, including Special Forces "A Team" commander in Latin America,
20 commander of two companies during combat in Vietnam, commander of the Joint United
21 States Military Advisory Group in Bangkok, Thailand, and president of the National
22 Association of State Personnel Executives; and

23 WHEREAS, his significant organizational and leadership talents, his remarkable patience
24 and diplomacy, his keen sense of vision, and his sensitivity to the needs of the citizens of this
25 state have earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues and associates; and

26 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
27 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
29 the members of this body recognize the selfless dedication exhibited by General Robert
30 "Steve" Stephens in carrying out the difficult duties of his vocation and commend his
31 efficient, effective, unselfish, and dedicated public service to the citizens of this state and
32 country.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
34 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to General Robert "Steve"
35 Stephens.