

House Resolution 1755

By: Representative Harden of the 147<sup>th</sup>

### A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Ms. Ovis Stephens; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Ms. Ovis Stephens has long been recognized for the vital role that she has  
3 played in leadership and her dedication to the State of Georgia; and

4 WHEREAS, Ms. Stephens was a member and past president of the Ladies of the American  
5 Legion Auxiliary and served as president of the Georgia Association of Superior Court  
6 Clerks; and

7 WHEREAS, she has been honored numerous times, including with the Stetson F. Bennett  
8 Award for Superior Court Clerk of the Year in 1988, the second ever Distinguished Service  
9 Award at the Chamber of Commerce annual banquet in 2008, and the Citizenship Award by  
10 the Crisp Chamber of Commerce in 1992; and

11 WHEREAS, Ms. Stephens was united in love and marriage to the late J.C. Stephens, and  
12 from this union, they were blessed with two remarkable daughters, Jeanie Stephens Rogers  
13 and Joyce Stephens Sinyard, and two grandsons; and

14 WHEREAS, a woman of deep and abiding faith, Ms. Stephens has been an active member  
15 of Third Street Baptist Church in Cordele, Georgia, since 1940; and

16 WHEREAS, her significant organizational talents, her remarkable patience and diplomacy,  
17 her keen sense of vision, and her sensitivity to the needs of the citizens of this state have  
18 earned her the respect and admiration of her colleagues and associates; and

19 WHEREAS, Ms. Stephens is a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable  
20 reputation for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness, and the State of Georgia is  
21 honored to have such a motivated and hard-working individual as one of its citizens; and

22 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the accomplishments of this  
23 distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
25 the members of this body commend Ms. Ovis Stephens for her decades of selfless service to  
26 her community and the State of Georgia and extend to her best wishes for her near and  
27 distant future.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
29 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Ms. Ovis Stephens.