

Senate Resolution 1169

By: Senators Crosby of the 13th, Hooks of the 14th, Thompson of the 33rd and Crane of the 28th

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 SENATE that the members of this body
25 commend Ms. Ovis Stephens for her decades of selfless service to her community and the
26 State of Georgia and extend to her best wishes for her near and distant future.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
28 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Ms. Ovis Stephens.