

House Resolution 652

By: Representative Nimmer of the 178th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Mr. Stetson F. Bennett, Jr., for being the longest serving
2 Constitutional Officer in the State of Georgia; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Stetson F. Bennett, Jr., was born in Wayne County and is the son of Stetson
4 F. Bennett, Sr., and Irene Little Bennett; and

5 WHEREAS, he graduated from Jesup High School and attended Auburn University; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Bennett is united in love and marriage to Patricia Jones and the two have
7 been blessed with three remarkable daughters, Tricia Armstrong Neace, Frances Yeargan,
8 and Vi Bennett; four beloved grandchildren; and eight cherished great-grandchildren; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Bennett began working in the Wayne County Clerk's Office in 1949 as
10 Chief Deputy Clerk after his father was elected to the office of Clerk of Superior Court; and

11 WHEREAS, he was first elected as clerk in 1964 and has held the office for 47 years; he
12 currently serves as the Clerk of Superior Court, State Court, Juvenile Court, and Drug Court
13 and is the longest serving Constitutional Officer in the State of Georgia; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Bennett has continued to be active in the community affairs of Wayne
15 County by serving as past president of the Wayne County Chamber of Commerce and a
16 member of the Lions Club, the Kiwanis Club, and the Masons of Georgia; and

17 WHEREAS, he has been a member on the hospital board, which was instrumental in the
18 development and construction of Wayne Memorial Hospital; a founding member of the Jesup
19 Jaycees; and part of a small group of citizens who worked diligently on the state level for
20 securing Wayne County as the main campus for Altamaha Technical College; and

21 WHEREAS, Mr. Bennett served as aide to former Georgia Governor Carl Sanders, a member
22 of the Georgia State Board of Corrections, and a participating member in the Georgia
23 Goodwill Tour, a group that traveled to Europe and behind the Iron Curtain to act as
24 ambassadors during the Khrushchev regime; and

25 WHEREAS, he is past president of the Georgia Superior Court Clerks and former chairman
26 of the Georgia Superior Court Clerks' Retirement Board; and

27 WHEREAS, Mr. Bennett was the first recipient of the prestigious Superior Court Clerk of
28 the Year Award for the State of Georgia in 1985, which has since been renamed the Stetson
29 F. Bennett Superior Court Clerk of the Year Award; and

30 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Mr. Bennett is a member of Little Creek
31 Baptist Church, where he has served as Sunday School Superintendent and deacon; and

32 WHEREAS, Mr. Stetson F. Bennett, Jr., is a man who is proud to claim Wayne County as
33 his dwelling place, America as his nation, and Christ as his Savior, and it is abundantly
34 fitting and proper that this exemplary Georgian be recognized.

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
36 the members of this body commend Mr. Stetson F. Bennett, Jr., on 47 years of devoted
37 service to this state and extend their sincere best wishes for continued health and happiness.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
39 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Stetson F. Bennett, Jr.