

Senate Resolution 593

By: Senators Gooch of the 51st, Wilkinson of the 50th, Miller of the 49th and Mullis of the 53rd

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Barbara McDaris Stephens; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Barbara McDaris Stephens was born on March 28, 1932, in Blairsville,
3 Georgia; and
- 4 WHEREAS, she attended Morganton Elementary School and Fannin County High School;
5 and
- 6 WHEREAS, she graduated from Young Harris College in 1951 and from the University of
7 Georgia in 1952 with a Bachelor of Science in Education; and
- 8 WHEREAS, her teaching career in the Fannin County School System spanned 30 years, and
9 she served as a Sunday school teacher at Morganton Baptist Church for 27 years, making a
10 positive impact on multiple generations of students and families; and
- 11 WHEREAS, during and following her teaching career, she began a long career in public
12 service, serving ten years on the board of the Fannin County Department of Family and
13 Children Services and two years on the Morganton City Council; and
- 14 WHEREAS, she was subsequently elected as mayor of Morganton, Georgia, and served a
15 distinguished 12 years, leading the reform of the city's finances and citizen services as well
16 as the federal financing of a new water system to serve future generations; and
- 17 WHEREAS, she is the epitome of an outspoken, strong mountain woman who is the mother
18 of three and the proud grandmother of eight, and she is loved and respected by her family and
19 those who she taught and served; and
- 20 WHEREAS, it abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
21 remarkable Georgian be appropriately recognized.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
23 recognize and commend Barbara McDaris Stephens for her dedicated public service and
24 extend to her their most sincere best wishes for continued health and happiness.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
26 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Barbara McDaris Stephens.