

Senate Resolution 1226

By: Senator Tippins of the 37th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Rev. Todd Wardsworth Allen; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Todd Wardsworth Allen was born on August 25, 1924, in Cleveland, Ohio, and
3 graduated from high school in Jacksonville, Florida; and
- 4 WHEREAS, he attended a University of Georgia external degree program, and had early
5 career positions in the food service industry, in labor relations, and in the automobile
6 industry; and
- 7 WHEREAS, he valiantly and courageously served in the United States Army Air Force from
8 March 1943 to December 1945 as a flight radio operator during World War II in the
9 American, European, African-Middle Eastern, and Asiatic-Pacific theaters of operation, and
10 for his service to his country, he was awarded three Bronze Star medals; and
- 11 WHEREAS, although not raised in a Christian home, in his late twenties he came to know
12 Jesus Christ as his personal Lord and Savior, and was moved by God's providential hand
13 soon thereafter to enter the full-time Gospel ministry, whereupon he enrolled in Columbia
14 Theological Seminary in Decatur, Georgia; and
- 15 WHEREAS, he is united in love and marriage to his beautiful wife of 59 years, Judith, and
16 is blessed with four remarkable children, Deborah, Rebekah, Rachael, and Todd, Jr.; and
- 17 WHEREAS, Mr. Allen began serving Midway and Mars Hill Presbyterian Churches in Cobb
18 County as a student supply in summer of 1957, and he accepted the call of Midway and Mars
19 Hill churches in Cobb County to be their joint pastor following his graduation from
20 Columbia Theological Seminary in 1959; and
- 21 WHEREAS, in 1962, he accepted the call to become the pastor of the Eastern Heights
22 Presbyterian Church of Savannah where he remained for 12 years; and

23 WHEREAS, through divine inspiration and tenacious perseverance, while serving as pastor
24 of the Eastern Heights Presbyterian Church, he was successful in landmark court cases
25 protecting the property rights of local churches through lengthy court battles in the Superior
26 Court of Chatham County, Georgia, twice before the Georgia Supreme Court and with a final
27 adjudication by the United States Supreme Court; and

28 WHEREAS, his staunch stand for biblical purity within his denomination resulted in the
29 ultimate formation of the Presbyterian Church in America, the second largest Presbyterian
30 church body and the largest conservative Reformed denomination in the United States today;
31 and

32 WHEREAS, Rev. Allen faithfully served at the Midway Presbyterian Church in Powder
33 Springs, Georgia, from June 26, 1983, through November 23, 1996, and now serves that
34 same church as pastor emeritus continuing to attend services, teach Sunday school, visit the
35 sick, and serve as a counselor, encourager, and prayer warrior for many both within and
36 outside of the Midway Presbyterian Church; and

37 WHEREAS, he has served as a pastor and pastor emeritus continually for 57 years, and his
38 wife, Judy, has fully and joyously engaged herself as a pastor's wife and has faithfully
39 supported her husband's ministry; and

40 WHEREAS, they have continued to jointly dedicate themselves to their church members by
41 their faithful witness, care, and service to God's church and its community.

42 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
43 recognize and commend Rev. Todd Wardsworth Allen and extend most sincere wishes for
44 continued health, happiness, and success.

45 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
46 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Rev. Todd
47 Wardsworth Allen.