

House Resolution 564

By: Representatives Werkheiser of the 157th and Nimmer of the 178th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Stetson Bennett, Jr.; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens
3 with the passing of Stetson Bennett, Jr., on February 9, 2017; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Stetson Bennett, Jr., was born on June 27, 1929; and
- 5 WHEREAS, a lifelong public servant, he was the longest serving Constitutional officer in
6 the State, serving 48 years as the Wayne County Clerk; and
- 7 WHEREAS, Stetson served the Wayne County Clerk's Office for a total of 64 years, first as
8 Chief Deputy Clerk, before becoming Clerk; and
- 9 WHEREAS, he received numerous recognitions for his dedicated service, including being
10 named Georgia Clerk of the Year in 1985, receiving the Wayne County Distinguished
11 Service Award, and having the Wayne County Courthouse named in his honor; and
- 12 WHEREAS, he was a vital member of the Wayne County and Georgia community, serving
13 as President of the Wayne County Chamber of Commerce and Vice Chair of the State Board
14 of Corrections, and he held memberships with the Lions Club, Kiwanis Club, and the
15 Masons; and
- 16 WHEREAS, Stetson was the founding member of the Jesup Jaycees and the Wayne
17 Memorial Hospital Board; and
- 18 WHEREAS, he gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep concern
19 for his fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding he demonstrated to his
20 family and friends were admired by others; and

21 WHEREAS, he was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation
22 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness, and by the example he made of his life, he
23 made this world a better place in which to live; and

24 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Stetson will long be remembered for his
25 love of family and friendship and will be missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing
26 him.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
28 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Stetson Bennett, Jr., and
29 express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
31 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
32 family of Stetson Bennett, Jr.