

House Resolution 342

By: Representative Parrish of the 158th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending and congratulating Sheriff J. Tyson Stephens; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Sheriff J. Tyson Stephens served with honor and distinction as the sheriff of
3 Emanuel County from January 1, 1985, to December 31, 2020; and

4 WHEREAS, he has long been cherished as an honest and dedicated public servant who
5 strives for excellence in all of his endeavors and whose primary concern is the welfare and
6 safety of the citizens of Emanuel County; and

7 WHEREAS, a lifelong resident of Emanuel County, he diligently and conscientiously
8 devoted innumerable hours of his time, talents, and energy toward the betterment of his
9 community and state, as evidenced dramatically by his 36 years of superlative service as
10 sheriff; and

11 WHEREAS, he is highly regarded by the citizens of his community and by state and local
12 government officials as a man of unquestioned integrity and dedication to the administration
13 of justice and sound principles of law enforcement; and

14 WHEREAS, this spirited law enforcement professional exhibited extraordinary devotion to
15 duty, outstanding loyalty, fine leadership, and meticulous attention to detail in all of his
16 duties; and

17 WHEREAS, his inspiring commitment to the welfare of others is an outstanding example of
18 the positive effect law enforcement professionals have on the lives and well-being of others;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that gratitude is expressed for the unique and
21 often unheralded contributions of local law enforcement professionals on behalf of the
22 citizens of this state.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
24 the members of this body commend the care, courage, sympathy, and selfless dedication
25 exhibited by Sheriff J. Tyson Stephens in carrying out the difficult duties of his vocation;
26 congratulate him upon the grand occasion of his retirement; and express their utmost
27 appreciation for having so purely and truly defined for others the meaning of public servant.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
29 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
30 Sheriff J. Tyson Stephens.