



Rep. Ron Stephens
District 164

Biography

State Representative Ron Stephens (R-Savannah) represents the 164th District in the Georgia House of Representatives, where he has served for 27 years. Rep. Stephens is the chairman of the House of Economic and Development & Tourism Committee. He also serves on the Appropriations, Appropriations Subcommittee on Health, Creative Arts & Entertainment, Rules, Urban Affairs and Ways & Means committees, as well as the Special Committee on Resource Management.

Rep. Stephens is a graduate of Armstrong State & Mercer University with a degree in Pharmacy. He and his wife, Janice, have two daughters, Karen and Ashlin, two grandsons, Walker Brown and James “Beau” Dukes, IV, and one granddaughter, Ivey. The Stephens are members of Richmond Hill Baptist Church.

Rep. Stephens has spent more than 46 years as a pharmacist. Before elected to the House, Rep. Stephens served as a city councilman in Garden City.

Rep. Stephens is the co-author of the first floating homestead exemption in Georgia. House Bill 350 effectively freezes property taxes for the homeowner. The exemption now applies in more than 70 taxing districts in the state, and today, House Bill 350 is known as the “Stephens-Day Bill.”

Rep. Stephens has also received the following awards and accolades.

- 2025 Boy Scouts of America Man of the Year
- 2024 Georgia Nursing Association Legislator of the Year
- 2023 This Alliance of Community Hospitals Legislator of the Year
- 2021 ACCG Legislature of the Year
- 2020 Georgia Screen Entertainment Friend of Film Award
- 2019 Marie Backus McCaughey Award for Childhood Philanthropy, Matthew Rearden Center for Autism
- 2019 Broadband Leader Award
- 2019 Good Samaritan Award (Kirk Healing Center)
- 2018 Georgia Hospital Association Legislator of the Year
- 2017 Armstrong University Hero
- 2017 House Rural Development Council, ex-officio member
- 2017 Southern Growth Policies Board, member
- 2016 Distinguished Alumni, Armstrong State University
- 2016 J.C. Lewis Outstanding Republican of the Year
- 2015 Bowl of Hygieia Award for Outstanding Practicing Pharmacist

- 2015 Georgia Hospitality Champion
- 2015 GWC Clean Water Champion
- 2015 Georgia Arts Network Advocate Award
- 2013 Legislator of the Year from the Georgia Rural Health Association
- 2012 The Charitable Care Network Chairman's Award
- 2012 The Shooting Star Award, from Georgia Production Partnership
- 2008 Legislator of the Year by the Governor's Tourism Conference
- 2008 Star of Life Legislative Award Georgia Emergency Medical Services
- 2007 Legislator of the Year Award GHPA (Public Health Departments)
- 2006 Herb & Franklin Traub Visionary Award, Savannah Area Tourism Leadership Council
- 2006 Representative of the Year Award, Georgia Retail Association
- 2005 Hospital Association Legislator of the Year
- 2004 Champion of Georgia Cities Award by Georgia Municipal Association
- 2004 Legislator of the Year Award Georgia Pharmacy Association
- 2003 State Tourism Champion of the Year Tourism Development Alliances of Georgia
- 2002 Champion of Georgia Cities Award by Georgia Municipal Association
- 2002 Legislator of the Year Award Association County Commissioners of Georgia
- 1999 Citizen's Inc. Legislator of the Year Award Carl Henderson Award from Mercer University