

Senate Resolution 832

By: Senator Strickland of the 42nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and legacy of George Walter Stephens; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, February 17, 2026, marks the 60th anniversary of the passing of George Walter
3 Stephens on February 17, 1966; and

4 WHEREAS, George Walter Stephens served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and
5 liberty with the United States Army, valiantly and courageously protecting his fellow
6 Americans from 1940 until his retirement in 1962; and

7 WHEREAS, he enlisted on November 19, 1940, and served with the 2nd Armored Division
8 during World War II, serving in Sicily, Normandy, Northern France, the Ardennes, the
9 Rhineland, and Central Europe; and

10 WHEREAS, throughout his 22-year military career, he reenlisted multiple times and rose
11 through the ranks, serving as Sergeant First Class, Technical Sergeant, and with the Military
12 Police; and

13 WHEREAS, he received numerous prestigious awards and recognitions during his time in
14 the United States Army, including the Good Conduct Medal and the American Defense

15 Service Medal while overseas, as well as the Army Commendation Medal for meritorious
16 service in 1962; and

17 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to his wife, Anna, and was blessed with six
18 remarkable children, Pat, Mary, Tony, Mike, Debbie, and Johnny; and

19 WHEREAS, he gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep concern
20 for his fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding he demonstrated to his
21 family and friends were admired by others; and

22 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, George Walter Stephens is long
23 remembered for his love of family, friendship, and community and is missed by all who had
24 the great fortune of knowing him.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
26 join in honoring the life and legacy of George Walter Stephens.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
28 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the family of
29 George Walter Stephens.