

Senate Resolution 949

By: Senators Harbin of the 16th, Gooch of the 51st, Hodges of the 3rd, Rhett of the 33rd and Howard of the 35th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending John Allen Stevens upon his honorable retirement for a lifetime of
2 distinguished public service; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, John Allen Stevens has rendered decades of exemplary service to the citizens
4 of the State of Georgia through unwavering dedication to public safety and community
5 involvement; and

6 WHEREAS, John Allen Stevens is a graduate of Campbell High School and Truett
7 McConnell College and the University of West Georgia, laying a strong academic foundation
8 for his life of service; and

9 WHEREAS, following his completion of college, Stevens honorably served in the United
10 States Army in Intelligence at Fort Huachuca, Arizona, demonstrating early commitment to
11 the security and defense of his nation; and

12 WHEREAS, he devoted 23 years as director of security at First Baptist Atlanta, serving with
13 distinction and responsibility, including assignments as a bodyguard to Dr. Charles Stanley,
14 while concurrently serving eight years in the Fulton County Sheriff's Reserve Unit; and

15 WHEREAS, Stevens further served for six years with the City of Atlanta Police Department
16 as an officer and liaison between the City of Atlanta and the Midtown community, fostering
17 cooperation, trust, and public safety; and

18 WHEREAS, he concluded his law enforcement career with 13 years of service at the Fayette
19 County Sheriff's Office, where he rose to the rank of lieutenant and served as chief of staff,
20 reflecting the confidence and respect of leadership and peers alike; and

21 WHEREAS, throughout his distinguished career, Stevens earned recognition as an Expert
22 Marksman, achieved Georgia POST certification, graduated in the top tier of multiple law
23 enforcement academies, collaborated with the United States Secret Service during a
24 presidential visit, and maintained continuous training in firearms and public safety; and

25 WHEREAS, Stevens approaches life and service guided by faith and humility and is a
26 devoted husband of 41 years, a father of two, and a proud grandfather of five, and he has
27 consistently demonstrated a commitment to community engagement and leadership within
28 his local church; and

29 WHEREAS, after a career defined by respect for the rule of law, justice, and the protection
30 of individuals and communities, John Allen Stevens will retire on April 27, 2026, leaving a
31 legacy of honorable service and professionalism.

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
33 commend John Allen Stevens for his outstanding career in public service, extend best wishes
34 upon his retirement, and express sincere gratitude for his lasting contributions to the safety
35 and well-being of the people of Georgia.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
37 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to John Allen
38 Stevens.