

House Resolution 672

By: Representative Stephens of the 164th

A RESOLUTION

1 Declaring May 17, 2017, as Hewitt W. "Ted" Matthews Day; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Mercer University College of Pharmacy has been a part of the State of
3 Georgia's educational history since 1903, preparing more than 6,000 students to become
4 caring stewards of pharmaceutical health care in Georgia, the United States, and around the
5 world; and

6 WHEREAS, Hewitt W. "Ted" Matthews has faithfully served the College of Pharmacy for
7 44 years, including 27 years as dean. He is the longest serving academic dean in Mercer
8 University history; and

9 WHEREAS, under the influence of Dean Matthews, health care and the education of health
10 care professionals in the state of Georgia have improved through the establishment of the
11 Mercer University Health Sciences Center; and

12 WHEREAS, Dean Matthews has brought national attention to the College of Pharmacy for
13 its superior research and education programs. Those pharmacists and pharmaceutical
14 researchers who have graduated from Mercer during his time have gone on to be leaders in
15 their fields; and

16 WHEREAS, through his upstanding character and personal integrity, Dean Matthews has
17 encouraged his students, alumni, faculty, and staff to strive for excellence for the good of
18 themselves, their College, and their profession; and

19 WHEREAS, on May 17, 2017, the alumni, faculty, staff, and friends of the College of
20 Pharmacy and Mercer University will gather to celebrate the retirement of Dean Matthews;
21 and

22 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia commends Dean Matthews for his outstanding
23 contributions to pharmacy and health professions education in the state and across the
24 country.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
26 the members of this body recognize May 17, 2017, as Hewitt W. "Ted" Matthews Day.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
28 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
29 Hewitt W. "Ted" Matthews.