

Senate Resolution 1227

By: Senators Millar of the 40th and Albers of the 56th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Dr. B. Wiley Stephens and recognizing him for his years of ministry to the
2 State of Georgia; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Dr. B. Wiley Stephens has provided over five decades of ministry to the State
4 of Georgia; and

5 WHEREAS, Dr. B. Wiley Stephens is a graduate of the University of Georgia, the Candler
6 School of Theology at Emory University, and the McCormick Theological Seminary; and

7 WHEREAS, Dr. B. Wiley Stephens has served as pastor to six churches in Georgia and for
8 the last 24 years has served as pastor to Dunwoody United Methodist Church, growing the
9 congregation to number more than 4,700 members in that time; and

10 WHEREAS, Dr. B. Wiley Stephens has in his years of service supported the construction of
11 two sanctuaries in Dunwoody and a church in Tartu, Estonia; and

12 WHEREAS, Dr. B. Wiley Stephens has served on numerous community, ecclesiastical, and
13 educational boards; and

14 WHEREAS, Dr. B. Wiley Stephens continues to be a caring and loving husband to his wife
15 of 50 years, Linda Stephens, an attentive and affectionate father to two children, Berry and
16 Kelley, as well as a shining example of love, faith, and character to his grandchildren.

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
18 commend and recognize Dr. B. Wiley Stephens for his decades of exceptional devotion and
19 faithful service to God, his family, and this state.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
21 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Dr. B. Wiley Stephens.