

Senate Resolution 254

By: Senators Hickman of the 4th and Burns of the 23rd

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending and congratulating Sheriff J. Tyson Stephens; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Sheriff J. Tyson Stephens served with honor and distinction as the sheriff of
3 Emanuel County from January 1, 1985, to December 31, 2020; and
- 4 WHEREAS, he has long been cherished as an honest and dedicated public servant who
5 strives for excellence in all of his endeavors and whose primary concern is the welfare and
6 safety of the citizens of Emanuel County; and
- 7 WHEREAS, a lifelong resident of Emanuel County, he diligently and conscientiously
8 devoted innumerable hours of his time, talents, and energy toward the betterment of his
9 community and state, as evidenced dramatically by his 36 years of superlative service as
10 sheriff; and
- 11 WHEREAS, he is highly regarded by the citizens of his community and by state and local
12 government officials as a man of unquestioned integrity and dedication to the administration
13 of justice and sound principles of law enforcement; and

14 WHEREAS, this spirited law enforcement professional exhibited extraordinary devotion to
15 duty, outstanding loyalty, fine leadership, and meticulous attention to detail in all of his
16 duties; and

17 WHEREAS, his inspiring commitment to the welfare of others is an outstanding example of
18 the positive effect law enforcement professionals have on the lives and well-being of others;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that gratitude is expressed for the unique and
21 often unheralded contributions of local law enforcement professionals on behalf of the
22 citizens of this state.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
24 commend the care, courage, sympathy, and selfless dedication exhibited by Sheriff J. Tyson
25 Stephens in carrying out the difficult duties of his vocation; congratulate him upon the grand
26 occasion of his retirement; and express their utmost appreciation for having so purely and
27 truly defined for others the meaning of public servant.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
29 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Sheriff J. Tyson
30 Stephens.