

## Senate Resolution 535

By: Senators Shafer of the 48th, Watson of the 1st, Black of the 8th, Dugan of the 30th, Kirk of the 13th and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating Dr. Cecil P. Staton on his appointment as Chancellor of East Carolina  
2 University; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Dr. Cecil P. Staton has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the  
4 vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the welfare  
5 of the citizens of Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, Dr. Cecil P. Staton earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Furman University  
7 in South Carolina; Masters of Divinity and Theology degrees from Southeastern Seminary  
8 in Wake Forest, North Carolina; and a Doctor of Philosophy degree from the University of  
9 Oxford in England; and

10 WHEREAS, Dr. Cecil Staton has an extensive background in higher education, having been  
11 an assistant professor at Brewton-Parker College; associate professor, associate provost, and  
12 university publisher at Mercer University; interim president of Valdosta University; and vice  
13 chancellor for extended education for the University System of Georgia; and

14 WHEREAS, Dr. Staton served as Senator for Georgia's 18th District for ten years, and, as  
15 chairman of the Senate Appropriations Higher Education subcommittee, directed spending  
16 of the state's \$2 billion per year higher education investment; and

17 WHEREAS, Dr. Staton found success in the private sector as well by founding several media  
18 companies in Georgia, including Smyth & Helwys Publishing, Inc., Stoud & Hall Publishers,  
19 Inc., and Georgia Eagle Media, Inc.; and

20 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this  
21 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
23 congratulate Dr. Cecil P. Staton on his appointment as Chancellor of East Carolina  
24 University and wish him continued happiness and success.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
26 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Dr. Cecil P.  
27 Staton.