

## Senate Resolution 577

By: Senators Jones of the 10th, Anderson of the 43rd, Harbison of the 15th, Lucas of the 26th, Seay of the 34th and others

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending Hank Stewart; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Hank Stewart, a nationally renowned figure, is a poet, author, activist,  
3 philanthropist, humanitarian, and motivational speaker; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Stewart's talent has afforded him unique opportunities to recite his work to the  
5 mother of the civil rights movement, Mrs. Rosa Parks, as well as First Lady Michelle Obama;  
6 and
- 7 WHEREAS, Stewart has written and performed commercials for the McDonalds Corporation  
8 and WAGA-Atlanta Black History spots, which resulted in the attainment of 2007 Emmy,  
9 Promax, and Gabby Awards; and
- 10 WHEREAS, in 2003, he collaborated with prolific author Kendra Norman-Bellamy and  
11 co-authored two best-selling novels loosely based off of poems he had written, titled *3:57 AM*  
12 and *The Morning After*; and
- 13 WHEREAS, Stewart's poetry on love, history, and spirituality has long been cherished by his  
14 dedicated fans for its emotional impact and intensity, and he does not shy away from sensitive

15 subject matters such as breast cancer, domestic violence, sex/human trafficking, adultery, and  
16 more; and

17 WHEREAS, as further testament to his philanthropic nature, Stewart co-founded The Stewart  
18 Foundation with Gwen Mason, a youth leadership organization that has positively impacted  
19 the lives of thousands of youth and students since 2006; and

20 WHEREAS, in 2016, Congressman Hank Johnson recognized Stewart's work and declared  
21 him Poet Laureate of the 4th Congressional District of Georgia; and

22 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this  
23 extraordinary individual be appropriately recognized.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
25 commend Hank Stewart for his many outstanding accomplishments as a poet, author, activist,  
26 philanthropist, humanitarian, motivational speaker, and TV host, as well as extend best wishes  
27 for future health and happiness.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed to  
29 make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Hank Stewart.