

## Senate Resolution 1111

By: Senators Chance of the 16th, Shafer of the 48th, Mullis of the 53rd, Bethel of the 54th, Hill of the 4th and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Senator Cecil Staton for his service to the citizens of the 18th Senate District  
2 and the state of Georgia; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Senator Staton has faithfully and honorably served the citizens of the 18th  
4 Senate District for a decade, and is highly regarded for his impactful and diligent work in the  
5 Georgia Senate; and

6 WHEREAS, during his decade of service in the Senate, he has represented Crawford,  
7 Monroe, Peach and Upson counties and portions of Bibb, Houston and Jones counties; and

8 WHEREAS, known for his intelligence, diligence and deep desire for the betterment of the  
9 state, Senator Staton has lead the charge on critical issues such as voter identification reform,  
10 strengthening Georgia's trauma care networks, and strengthening higher education across the  
11 state; and

12 WHEREAS, he served as chief architect of consolidation for Macon-Bibb County, ensuring  
13 savings for taxpayers and non-partisan elections; and

14 WHEREAS, Senator Staton has served in various prominent leadership positions, including  
15 chairman of the Senate Science and Technology Committee, vice-chairman of the Senate  
16 Republican Caucus, Senate Republican Caucus Majority Whip, member of the Committee  
17 on Assignments and Appropriations sub-committee Chairman on Higher Education; and

18 WHEREAS, prior to selflessly serving in the Senate, Senator Staton attained a Bachelor of  
19 Arts degree from Furman University and a doctor of philosophy from the University of  
20 Oxford in England, whereby he subsequently served an eleven year tenure at Mercer  
21 University as a college professor, university publisher, and associate provost, and founded  
22 multiple businesses including Smyth & Helwys Publishing, Stroud & Hall Publishers,  
23 Heritage Development Group, and Georgia Eagle Media; and

24 WHEREAS, his leadership has been recognized by countless individuals and organizations  
25 as he has been awarded numerous prestigious honors including Richard Furman Award from  
26 Furman University, Rural Healthcare Legislator of the Year in 2008, Georgia Hospital  
27 Association Legislator of the Year award in 2010, Technology Association Legislator of the  
28 Year in 2010 and Award from the Emory Center for Injury Control for his vast contributions  
29 to trauma care in 2013; and

30 WHEREAS, Senator Staton has been a longstanding member of the prestigious Gridiron  
31 Secret Society, which recognizes the most affluent public servants and business leaders in  
32 the great state of Georgia; and

33 WHEREAS, he is an honest and dedicated public servant who strives for excellence in all  
34 his endeavors and whose primary concern is the welfare of the citizens of the 18th Senate  
35 District and his unparalleled work ethic epitomizes perfectly the ideal and true spirit of public  
36 service as expressed in the words *Sic vos non vobis*; and

37 WHEREAS, the citizens of this state will endure an immense void upon his retirement from  
38 the Georgia General Assembly and wish him and his beautiful wife, Catherine, and two sons,  
39 Cecil, III and William, continued health and prosperity; and

40 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
41 express immense gratitude for and commend Senator Cecil Staton for his decade of effective,  
42 efficient, selfless and dedicated service that he has rendered on behalf of Georgia;  
43 congratulate him upon his well-deserved retirement; and extend to him their utmost  
44 appreciation for his having so purely and truly defined for others the meaning of a true public  
45 servant, having faithfully performed the duty that lies nearest.