Senate Resolution 41EX

By: Senators Harbin of the 16th, Thompson of the 14th, Strickland of the 17th, Harper of the 7th and Hickman of the 4th

A RESOLUTION

1   Commending Brian Ballard; and for other purposes.

2   WHEREAS, during his distinguished career, Brian Ballard investigated national and
3   international drug trafficking organizations; and

4   WHEREAS, first hired in 1983 as a uniformed patrolman with the City of Fayetteville,
5   Georgia, he quickly rose through the ranks to become a task force officer with the DEA
6   Atlanta Divisional Office, where he served until his retirement on October 15, 2021; and

7   WHEREAS, Ballard has enjoyed a fruitful Law Enforcement career in a field of expertise
8   he dearly loves, and he looks forward to the next chapter of serving others alongside his
9   faithful wife, Joanie; and

10 WHEREAS, the citizens of Ballard's community highly regard him as a man of unquestioned
11 integrity and dedication to the administration of justice and sound principles of law
12 enforcement; and

13 WHEREAS, Ballard exhibited extraordinary devotion to duty, outstanding loyalty, fine
14 leadership, and meticulous attention to detail in all his duties; and

15   WHEREAS, his inspiring commitment to the welfare of others is an outstanding example of

16   the positive effect law enforcement professionals have on the lives and well-being of others;

17   and

18   WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper for us to express gratitude for the unique and

19   often unheralded contributions of local law enforcement professionals on behalf of the

20   citizens of this state.

21   NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body

22   commend the care, courage, sympathy, and selfless dedication exhibited by Brian Ballard

23   during his career and express their utmost appreciation for having so purely and truly defined

24   for others the meaning of public servant.

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 Brian Ballard.