

Senate Resolution 16EX

By: Senators Meyer von Bremen of the 12th, Starr of the 44th, Hooks of the 14th and Thompson of the 33rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Honorable Nathan Dean upon his retirement from the
2 Georgia General Assembly; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Senator Nathan Dean, a dynamic and powerful public servant, was first elected
4 to the Georgia State Senate in 1974 and has represented the citizens of his district with great
5 distinction, dedication, and ability for three decades; and

6 WHEREAS, born May 9, 1934, in Rockmart, Georgia, Senator Dean graduated from
7 Rockmart High School, attended Shorter College, and served in the United States Army.
8 Senator Dean has faithfully represented the 31st District, which includes Polk and Haralson
9 counties, and a portion of Bartow, Carroll, Douglas, and Paulding counties, and also served
10 for 12 years in the Georgia House of Representatives and on the Rockmart City Council; and

11 WHEREAS, his legislative experience has been instrumental in his service as a member of
12 the Public Safety and Homeland Security, Rules, State Institutions and Property, and
13 Transportation committees, and he has also headed and served on a number of other
14 legislative panels and committees including the Senate Administrative Affairs Committee,
15 the Fiscal Affairs Subcommittee, and the Budget Responsibility Oversight Committee; and

16 WHEREAS, Senator Dean served as both a member and the chairman of the Senate
17 Democratic Caucus's Policy Committee, served as a member of the Executive Committee of
18 the Democratic Party of Georgia, and as an assistant administration floor leader for former
19 Governor Joe Frank Harris; and

20 WHEREAS, active in national legislative organizations, this distinguished gentleman has
21 represented Georgia on the Legislative Management Committee of the National Conference
22 of State Legislatures, and the Fiscal Affairs Committee and Government Operations
23 Committee of the Southern Legislative Conference; and

1 WHEREAS, Senator Dean has received numerous awards for his legislative service
2 including "Man of the Year" awards from the Rockmart Jaycees and the Bremen Rotary
3 Club, has been named "Man of the Year for Civic Affairs" by the Cedartown Chamber of
4 Commerce, and "Senator of the Year" by the Georgia Municipal Association, the Georgia
5 Mental Health Association, and the Georgia Association for Retarded Citizens; and

6 WHEREAS, additionally, Senator Dean has been honored by the Association of County
7 Commissioners of Georgia, Kennesaw College, and the Georgia Fireman's Pension Fund, and
8 he has been named a lifelong member of the Georgia Peace Officers Association; and

9 WHEREAS, Senator Dean, an insurance executive, is active in community and civic affairs
10 including service as the past-president of the Rockmart-Aragon Touchdown Club; the
11 Rockmart-Aragon Little League; the Chambers of Commerce of Rockmart, Cedartown, and
12 Cartersville; the Polk and Bartow County Farm Bureaus; the Masons, Shriners, and Odd
13 Fellows; the Northwest Council for Boy Scouts; Cedartown, Haralson County and Bartow
14 County Historical Societies; and mental retardation programs in Douglasville and Polk,
15 Bartow, and Paulding counties; and

16 WHEREAS, he has served as a member of the Governor's Council on Developmental
17 Disabilities and the North Metro Technical Institute Foundation; and

18 WHEREAS, Senator Dean's tenure in the General Assembly has been marked by his
19 demonstration of the pillars of public service, integrity, and the courage to stand up for his
20 beliefs and ideals; and

21 WHEREAS, his retirement from the General Assembly allows him to continue to enjoy life
22 with his lovely wife, Ann, and sons, Alan and Scot.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
24 commend Senator Nathan Dean for his excellent service and outstanding contributions on
25 behalf of the people of his community and the citizens of the State of Georgia, convey to him
26 their respect and gratitude, and convey their best wishes for continued health and happiness.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
28 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Senator Nathan Dean.