

Senate Resolution 442

By: Senators Butler of the 55th, McKoon of the 29th and Harbison of the 15th

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Mr. Bill Thrower; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Mr. Bill Thrower is the Coroner in Muscogee County, Georgia, and in 2010,  
3 he was recognized as the Child Fatality Review Coroner of the Year; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Thrower has been recognized by the citizens of this state for the vital role  
5 he has played in community leadership and his deep personal commitment to the citizens of  
6 his community and the State of Georgia; and

7 WHEREAS, on many occasions, Mr. Thrower has gone above and beyond the call of duty  
8 as coroner, taking time to give young children and adolescents a tour of the morgue at the  
9 request of parents to help them understand the unfortunate consequences and harsh reality  
10 of reckless, risky behaviors; and

11 WHEREAS, he has implemented a community outreach program for young people that  
12 includes workshops on motor vehicle safety and the detrimental impact of alcohol and drug  
13 impairment while operating motor vehicles; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Thrower sits on the DUI Reenactment Committee, which provides annual  
15 demonstrations of an actual collision resulting from drug and alcohol impairment to high  
16 school students; and

17 WHEREAS, he was also instrumental in the production of a film entitled *Texting While*  
18 *Driving*, a simulation video of an accident which illustrates texting as a lethal distraction; and

19 WHEREAS, in an effort to increase awareness of the high incidence of infant mortality in  
20 Muscogee County, Mr. Thrower educates parents and caregivers on the importance of safe  
21 sleep practices; and

22 WHEREAS, in April, 2010, Columbus news Channel 3 and Channel 9 interviewed Mr.  
23 Thrower regarding infant sleep related fatalities and effective ways the community can work  
24 to address this growing epidemic; and

25 WHEREAS, Mr. Thrower also volunteers with the D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance  
26 Education) summer program initiative as well as the drug court program where he talks with  
27 youth about the adverse effects of drugs, gang involvement, and bullying behaviors; and

28 WHEREAS, this distinguished Georgian has exhibited extraordinary devotion to duty,  
29 outstanding service, and remarkable sensitivity to the needs of family members who have lost  
30 a loved one which have earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues and  
31 associates.

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
33 recognize the exemplary service provided by Mr. Bill Thrower and commend his service to  
34 his community and this state.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
36 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Bill Thrower.