

Senate Resolution 1245

By: Senator Hill of the 32nd

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Major Thomas Christopher Kirkland; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Major Thomas Christopher Kirkland has served with honor in the United States
3 Air Force and retired from service on March 1, 2014, after 32 years; and
- 4 WHEREAS, our nation's security continues to rely on patriotic men and women who put
5 their personal lives on hold in order to place themselves in harm's way to protect the
6 freedoms that all United States citizens cherish; and
- 7 WHEREAS, Major Kirkland was stationed with the 927th Air Refueling Wing at the Joint
8 Command, MacDill Air Force Base in Florida, where he served as the chief of Process Plans;
9 and
- 10 WHEREAS, a product of a military family, two of his brothers have served in the United
11 States Navy, and both of his parents were members in the United States Air Force; and
- 12 WHEREAS, Major Kirkland has also served in the United State Navy as a former hard hat
13 diver and served briefly with the Navy Seals on important missions in South America; and
- 14 WHEREAS, he was a "mustang" officer who came up through the enlisted ranks, and he has
15 garnered numerous military honors; and
- 16 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the remarkable courage and bravery of
17 this outstanding Georgian be appropriately recognized and honored.
- 18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
19 recognize and commend Major Thomas Christopher Kirkland for his service to this great
20 nation and express to him their most sincere best wishes for continued success.

- 21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
22 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Major Thomas Christopher Kirkland.