

Senate Resolution 601

By: Senators Miller of the 49th, Unterman of the 45th, Wilkinson of the 50th, Ginn of the 47th and Gooch of the 51st

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and honoring Captain Reuben Black for his work on the front lines in the battle
2 against Georgia's opioid crisis; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Reuben Black is a native of Gainesville, Georgia, and is a retired Delta Air
4 Lines captain and instructor; and

5 WHEREAS, he has served as a volunteer for many years in a number of worthwhile
6 programs, including the Boy Scouts, WeCare, which provides Christmas to youths in need,
7 Think About It Drug Awareness Program, and Partnership for Drug Free Hall County; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Black has organized and participated in over 90 interventions with
9 individuals who had substance abuse problems and has counseled and mentored those in the
10 process of recovery from substance abuse; and

11 WHEREAS, he has organized and directed the distribution of drug safety materials to over
12 90 percent of the medical facilities in Hall County through the Think About It Drug
13 Awareness Program; and

14 WHEREAS, he served as the Training Coordinator for Project DAN, which trained 5,000
15 law and fire officers from 98 different agencies in 53 counties to respond to drug overdoses,
16 which involved designing the course syllabus, designing the teaching plan for training
17 officers, preparing and shipping thousands of Naloxone kits to agencies, and much more; and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. Black continues to assist agencies after the Project DAN program ending
19 and has exhibited the best qualities of volunteerism on behalf of his community and the State
20 of Georgia.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
22 recognize and honor Captain Reuben Black for his work in the battle against Georgia's opioid
23 crisis.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
25 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Reuben Black.