

House Resolution 242

By: Representative Buckner of the 137<sup>th</sup>

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Timothy C. Ward; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Timothy C. Ward was appointed by Governor Kemp as Interim Commissioner  
3 for the Georgia Department of Corrections in January, 2019; as Interim Commissioner, he  
4 manages a \$1.3 billion budget and leads approximately 10,000 employees; and

5 WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the Georgia Department of Corrections to protect the  
6 public by supervising more than 50,000 state offenders through the operation of secure and  
7 safe facilities while reducing recidivism through effective programming, education, and  
8 health care; and

9 WHEREAS, prior to serving as the Interim Commissioner, Timothy was appointed by  
10 Governor Deal to serve as Chief of Staff in December, 2016, a position in which he oversaw  
11 all divisions and departmental operations for the agency; and

12 WHEREAS, Timothy began his career with the Department of Corrections in 1992 at Scott  
13 State Prison as a correctional officer; he continued on to serve in several capacities within  
14 the Department of Corrections, including counselor at Hancock and Rivers State Prison, chief  
15 counselor at Scott State Prison, superintendent at Western Probation Detention Center and  
16 McEver Probation Detention Center, warden at Rogers State Prison, Johnson State Prison,  
17 and Phillips State Prison, director of facilities operations, and assistant commissioner of the  
18 facilities division; and

19 WHEREAS, among his many contributions, he earned distinction for his efforts to address  
20 the basic needs of incarcerated women in Georgia by striving to make menstrual products  
21 readily available; and

22 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this  
23 extraordinary individual be appropriately recognized.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
25 the members of this body recognize and commend Timothy C. Ward for his dedication to  
26 serving the State of Georgia.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
28 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to  
29 Timothy C. Ward.