

Senate Resolution 223

By: Senator Mullis of the 53rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Major Tommy Bradford for his dedication and service to his community; and
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Major Tommy Bradford has 25 years of law enforcement experience and serves
4 with honor and distinction as Chief Deputy of the Dade County Sheriff's Department; and

5 WHEREAS, he is an honest and dedicated public servant who strives for excellence in all
6 of his endeavors and whose primary concern is the welfare and safety of the citizens of Dade
7 County; and

8 WHEREAS, Major Bradford is united in love and marriage to his wife, Mary Ann Bradford,
9 and they have been blessed with six wonderful children; and

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11 WHEREAS, he is highly regarded by the citizens of his community and by state and local
12 government officials as a man of unquestioned integrity and dedication to the administration
13 of justice and sound principles of law enforcement; and

14 WHEREAS, this spirited law enforcement professional has exhibited extraordinary devotion
15 to duty, outstanding loyalty, and meticulous attention to detail in all of his duties; and

16 WHEREAS, Major Bradford's fine leadership skills have been demonstrated in key
17 operational and administrative roles, including a Sergeant position, SORT Officer, School
18 Resource Officer, Captain, and Chief Deputy/Major; and

19 WHEREAS, on August 7, 2018, Major Bradford was attempting to deploy spike strips during
20 a pursuit and was run over by the suspect vehicle; he sustained traumatic injuries, including
21 the loss of his leg, a dislocated shoulder, a skull fracture, and many more minor injuries; and

22 WHEREAS, despite the loss of his leg, Major Bradford continues to serve Dade County, and
23 his inspiring commitment to the welfare of others is an outstanding example of the positive
24 effect law enforcement professionals have on the lives and well-being of others; and

25 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this outstanding man is commended and
26 recognized for his valor and dedication to protecting and serving his community.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
28 commend the care, courage, sympathy, and selfless dedication exhibited by Major Tommy
29 Bradford in carrying out the difficult duties of his vocation and express their utmost
30 appreciation for having so purely and truly defined for others the meaning of public servant.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
32 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Major Tommy
33 Bradford.