

House Resolution 1443

By: Representatives Hong of the 103rd, Gunter of the 8th, and Smith of the 18th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending all the Divisions of the Georgia Bureau of Investigation in
2 their Anti-Gang Initiatives; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the General Assembly has found that Georgia is in a state of crisis caused by
4 violent criminal street gang members; and

5 WHEREAS, Governor Kemp implemented the Anti-Gang Initiative and instituted the
6 Georgia Bureau of Investigation (GBI) Gang Task Force in 2019; and

7 WHEREAS, upon the establishment of the GBI Gang Task Force, the Georgia Bureau of
8 Investigation invested substantial personnel, time, and resources of the Investigative
9 Division, the Georgia Crime Information Center, and the Division of Forensic Sciences to
10 fight criminal street gangs; and

11 WHEREAS, every GBI Regional Office, Regional Drug Enforcement Office, and
12 Specialized Unit is assigned at least one Regional Gang Specialist; and

13 WHEREAS, the Gang Task Force has expanded to include the Middle Georgia Gang Task
14 Force; and

15 WHEREAS, since 2019, Special Agents, Intelligence Analysts, and Special Prosecutors have
16 investigated and prosecuted criminal street gang members committing criminal street gang
17 activity, including but not limited to murders, firearms offenses, aggravated assaults, thefts,
18 animal cruelty, human trafficking, sex offenses, kidnappings, frauds, drug trafficking, and
19 racketeering activity, resulting in millions of dollars in United States currency, firearms, and
20 contraband seized; and

21 WHEREAS, these criminal street gang investigations impact counties statewide and have had
22 ties nationwide and internationally; and

23 WHEREAS, the Georgia Bureau of Investigation has established, developed, and maintained
24 the Georgia Criminal Street Gang Database to facilitate the exchange of information between
25 federal, state, county, and municipal law enforcement, prosecution and corrections agencies,
26 offices, and departments; and

27 WHEREAS, the Division of Forensic Sciences supports the Anti-Gang Initiative by
28 providing the highest quality of forensic analysis and examination of evidence through its
29 Firearms, Forensic Biology, Drug Chemistry, Toxicology, Impressions, and Trace Evidence
30 departments; and

31 WHEREAS, the Georgia Crime Information Center serves as a repository for criminal justice
32 information, assisting federal, state, and local partners in receiving the most complete,
33 accurate, and timely information needed to fulfill the responsibilities of investigating
34 criminal street gangs; and

35 WHEREAS, the GBI provides extensive gang training and resources to federal, state, and
36 local partners, teachers, coaches, school administrators, law enforcement, and prosecutors;
37 and

38 WHEREAS, the GBI continues to receive and fulfill requests from external criminal justice
39 agencies for investigative assistance in their efforts to combat criminal street gangs
40 committing criminal street gang activity.

41 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
42 the members of this body recognize and commend the accomplishments of the GBI and all
43 the Divisions therein for their dedication, contributions, and continued efforts in the fight
44 against Georgia's criminal street gang crisis.

45 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
46 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
47 public and the press.