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August 26, 2026

The Honorable Brian P. Kemp  
 Governor of Georgia  
 206 Washington Street, Suite 203, State Capitol  
 Atlanta, Georgia 30334

**Re: Recommendation of Richard E. Braun, Jr. for appointment as District Attorney, Atlantic Judicial Circuit**

Dear Governor Kemp:

I write to offer my strongest possible support for the appointment of Richard E. Braun, Jr. as District Attorney of the Atlantic Judicial Circuit. I do so both as Mayor of the City of Hinesville and as someone who has known Richy personally since we were children. It is precisely because I have known him across a lifetime that I recommend him to you without the slightest reservation.

Richy has devoted his entire career to the law and to the service of this circuit. He began as an Assistant District Attorney here in the Atlantic Judicial Circuit; for more than two decades he has served as the elected Solicitor-General of McIntosh County; and he currently serves as Deputy Chief Assistant District Attorney in Glynn County, handling serious felony matters. He also built a respected private practice, including representing the City of Hinesville, where I know his judgment and professionalism firsthand, and served as City Manager of Darien, giving him command of both the courtroom and the administration of a public office.

It is his character, though, more than any line on his résumé, that compels this letter. He is a man of unquestioned integrity, steady temperament, and tireless work ethic, fair-minded and even-handed, firm when the law demands it, and fair to all who come before him.

As a multi-generation resident of this circuit, he has spent his whole life among the people he would serve. He knows our communities, our courts, and our law enforcement officers, and they know and trust him. He is prepared to provide steady, capable leadership from the first day, so that the vital work of the District Attorney continues without interruption.

For all of these reasons, professional and personal, I give Richard E. Braun, Jr. my wholehearted and unqualified endorsement for appointment as District Attorney of the Atlantic Judicial Circuit. I am confident he will discharge the duties of that office with distinction, and I respectfully urge you to appoint him. I will campaign by his side for the election to be held in November.

Respectfully,

Karl A. Riles

Mayor, City of Hinesville