

House Resolution 1309

By: Representatives Williams of the 165th, Richardson of the 19th, Barnard of the 166th, Parrish of the 156th, Stephens of the 164th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Mourning the passing of former State Senator Rene Kemp, and honoring his life and
2 memory; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, on February 4, 2006, the State of Georgia lost one of its foremost citizens with
4 the untimely passing of former State Senator Rene Kemp; and

5 WHEREAS, this native son was born on July 15, 1935 in Swainsboro, served in the U.S.
6 Army from 1953 to 1957, and graduated from Georgia Military College and the University
7 of Georgia, where he earned a law degree; and

8 WHEREAS, he enjoyed a long and distinguished career of 18 years in service to the state in
9 the General Assembly, including three terms as a member of the House of Representatives
10 from 1977 to 1982 and six terms in the Senate from 1992 to 2004; and

11 WHEREAS, while in the Legislature, he served as a leader in many ways, including chairing
12 the Judiciary Committee, sponsoring the state's Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt
13 Organizations (RICO) Act, aimed at organized crime and drug trafficking, and serving as a
14 champion and advocate for issues relating to mental illness; and

15 WHEREAS, the members of the General Assembly knew Senator Kemp as a colleague and
16 a friend.

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
18 the members of this body express regret at the passing of former State Senator Rene Kemp
19 and extend condolences to his family and friends.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
21 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of former State
22 Senator Rene Kemp.