

House Resolution 1347

By: Representatives Stanley-Turner of the 53rd, Watson of the 91st, Henson of the 87th, Richardson of the 19th, Mitchell of the 88th, and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Expressing regret at the passing of Honorable Porter Sanford, III; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, on Thursday, February 9, 2006, the State of Georgia lost one of its finest
3 citizens with the passing of Honorable Porter Sanford, III; and
- 4 WHEREAS, he was born in Eatonton, Georgia, on November 2, 1941, the third of six
5 children born to the late Porter Sanford, Jr. and Lizzie Kate Simmons Sanford, and he
6 attended the public schools of Putnam County, graduated from Butler Baker High School in
7 1960, and graduated from Clark College in 1965 with a degree in business administration;
8 and
- 9 WHEREAS, while in college, he was encouraged by his professor, William Robie, to pursue
10 a career in real estate, and he began his career as a sales representative for Metropolitan Life
11 Insurance Company, followed by employment as a sales agent for Robie Real Estate and
12 Roberts Real Estate Company, and in 1965 he founded Sanford Realty, the first
13 minority-owned real estate company in DeKalb County; and
- 14 WHEREAS, Sanford Realty grew from a small office with five agents to its current operation
15 with 75 agents accounting for millions of dollars in real estate sales in the metropolitan
16 Atlanta area; and
- 17 WHEREAS, he was heavily involved in civic affairs, and he was a founding member of the
18 Samuel Jones Boys Club, sat on the board of the First Southern Bank, and was a member of
19 100 Black Men of DeKalb County, and he was elected from a field of eight candidates to the
20 DeKalb County Commission in 1994; and
- 21 WHEREAS, even more important to him than his career and his civic activities was his
22 family, and he will live forever in the hearts of his beloved wife, Bobbie Kennedy Sanford,

1 his children, Porter Sanford, IV and Brandon Kennedy Sanford, and his grandchildren,
2 Porter, Jason, Christopher, and Skyler, and his many other relatives and friends.

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
4 the members of this body express regret at the passing of Porter Sanford, III and convey
5 condolences to his grieving family.

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
7 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mrs. Bobbie Kennedy
8 Sanford.