

House Resolution 1734

By: Representatives Willard of the 49th, Lindsey of the 54th, Orrock of the 58th, Sinkfield of the 60th, Dean of the 59th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Compensating Mrs. Claudia Barnes; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, on March 11, 2005, Fulton County Superior Court Judge Rowland W. Barnes
3 was tragically shot and killed in the Fulton County courthouse by an escaped inmate; and

4 WHEREAS, Judge Barnes is survived by his wife, Mrs. Claudia Barnes; and

5 WHEREAS, at the time of his death Judge Barnes was engaged in the performance of his
6 duties as a judge of the superior courts of the State of Georgia and his tragic murder occurred
7 through no fault or negligence on the part of Judge Barnes or his wife.

8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
9 GEORGIA that the Department of Administrative Services is authorized and directed to pay
10 the sum of \$75,000.00 to Mrs. Claudia Barnes as compensation as provided above. Said sum
11 shall be paid from funds appropriated to or available to the Department of Administrative
12 Services and shall be in full and complete satisfaction of all claims against the State of
13 Georgia arising out of the death of Judge Barnes, but neither this resolution nor acceptance
14 of the compensation provided for in this resolution shall affect any claim other than a claim
15 against the State of Georgia.