

House Resolution 1928

By: Representatives Reece of the 27th, Mills of the 25th, and Rogers of the 26th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Remembering and honoring the life of Mr. B. Keith Rochester; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, throughout his lifetime, Mr. B. Keith Rochester enhanced the lives of countless
3 people throughout the world with a heart of humble service; faithfulness to God, country,
4 family, and mankind; quiet and exceedingly generous philanthropy; and personal
5 encouragement; and
- 6 WHEREAS, after graduating from the Georgia Institute of Technology, Mr. Rochester
7 started his career with the then Georgia Highway Department and subsequently opened a
8 surveying and engineering firm in Gainesville, Georgia, with his wife, Dale; and
- 9 WHEREAS, their firm steadily grew, eventually serving a wide diversity of clients in more
10 than 250 jurisdictions in more than a dozen American states from the Atlantic to the Pacific
11 Oceans and in several foreign nations; and
- 12 WHEREAS, the business was a reliable contractor to the Georgia Department of
13 Transportation for more than 20 years, in addition to the Georgia Department of Natural
14 Resources and the Georgia Department of Veterans Service, engineering numerous master
15 planned communities, residential and commercial projects, and residential communities; and
- 16 WHEREAS, examples in Georgia of Mr. Rochester's firm's outstanding work include
17 "Spaghetti Junction" at the intersection of I-85 and I-285, Peachtree City, Pathway
18 Communities, Atlanta's Atlantic Station, many John Wieland communities, Chateau Elan,
19 Sugarloaf, Windward, and Newland; and
- 20 WHEREAS, additionally, the firm has worked on several foreign projects, including the
21 mapping of entire small countries, and even opened a branch office in Turkey; and

1 WHEREAS, thanks to Mr. Rochester's vision and intense commitment to utilizing the most
2 advanced technology available, the firm, today overseen by his sons, Darrell and Brian, is
3 a nationally recognized large, high tech employer with offices in Gainesville, Atlanta, and
4 Fayetteville, Georgia; Tampa, Florida; and Turkey; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Rochester was a devoted deacon minister at Lakewood Baptist Church in
6 Gainesville, as his father was before him and his two sons after; and

7 WHEREAS, he and his wife were quiet, usually anonymous, but exceedingly generous
8 philanthropists who provided invaluable support to the arts, his beloved alma mater,
9 numerous public service organizations and charities, their church and denomination, and
10 untold numbers of individuals facing difficult circumstances; and

11 WHEREAS, as a best friend to numerous individuals from all walks of life, Mr. Rochester's
12 loving heart and extraordinary personality have made an absolutely unforgettable impression
13 on all those who had the privilege to know this inestimable gentleman.

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
15 the members of this body join together to express their deepest regret at the passing of Mr.
16 B. Keith Rochester and extend their most sincere condolences to his family and friends.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
18 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Mr. B. Keith
19 Rochester.