

House Resolution 1786

By: Representatives Gordon of the 162nd, Brooks of the 63rd, Smyre of the 132nd, Stephens of the 161st, Mitchell of the 88th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the Capitol Art Standards Commission to accept a replacement plaque for installation
2 on the sculpture entitled *Expelled Because of their Color* presently located on the capitol
3 grounds; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, on the northeast side of the state capitol stands a statue entitled *Expelled*
5 *Because of their Color* memorializing the 33 African American legislators who were
6 expelled from the General Assembly in 1868; and

7 WHEREAS, in 1978, the Georgia Association of Black Elected Officials met in the rotunda
8 of the capitol to dedicate a marker honoring the black elected officials who served in the
9 General Assembly between 1963 and 1978, and that plaque was placed in front of the statue;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, the plaque that was dedicated in 1978 was replaced by a new plaque in the past,
12 but several of the original names were omitted from the new plaque; and

13 WHEREAS, the Legislative Black Caucus is willing and desirous of paying for a new plaque
14 that restores the original list of honored names.

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
16 the members of this body urge the Capitol Art Standards Commission to accept a new plaque
17 as provided in this resolution and install such plaque in its rightful place.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
19 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Capitol Art Standards
20 Commission.