

House Resolution 302

By: Representative Powell of the 29th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the memory of Reverend Jack Sosby and expressing regret at his passing; and for
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Reverend Jack Sosby was known as someone who never neglected a person in
4 need and was always the first to offer an encouraging word and a helping hand; and

5 WHEREAS, he was born on September 1, 1928 in Franklin County, Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, he served as a Baptist minister for more than 50 years at seven churches
7 including Harmony Hall Baptist Church in Gainesville and most recently at Pine View
8 Baptist Church in Augusta, and in his retirement he served as interim associate pastor at
9 Ebenezer Baptist Church in Toccoa; and

10 WHEREAS, Reverend Sosby was a trusted spiritual leader to his parishioners and a beloved
11 mentor to many new clergy establishing strong connections to everyone he encountered; and

12 WHEREAS, he was especially recognized and appreciated for his never failing sense of
13 humor poignantly illustrated as he shared a joke with the ambulance drivers as he was in
14 transit to Emory University Hospital; and

15 WHEREAS, his ministry was central to his life, and he enjoyed woodworking and was
16 especially proud of his grandsons, Jonathan Dan Sosby and William Blake Sosby; and

17 WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his son, Roger Dales Sosby, and he is survived by
18 his wife, Evelyn Whitworth Sosby; his daughter, Jackie Sosby; two sisters, Ruth Culpepper
19 and Joyce English; and many nieces and nephews; and

20 WHEREAS, he was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation
21 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness and, by the example he made of his life, he
22 made this world a better place in which to live; and

23 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Reverend Sosby will long be remembered
24 for his love of family and friendship, and this loyal husband, father, and friend will be missed
25 by all who had the great fortune of knowing him.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
27 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Reverend Jack Sosby and
28 express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
30 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Reverend Jack
31 Sosby.