

## Senate Resolution 195

By: Senators Davenport of the 44th, Tate of the 38th, Fort of the 39th, James of the 35th, Davis of the 22nd and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Empire Board of Realists and recognizing February 23, 2011, as Realists  
2 Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Empire Board of Realists (EBR), originally was organized in 1939 by  
4 seven black real estate brokers who were dissatisfied with the status quo relating to housing  
5 conditions for blacks in the Atlanta area; and

6 WHEREAS, EBR's seven founders were W.H. Aiken, John G. Allen, O.T. Bell, Wendell  
7 Cunningham, Roger Henderson, J.R. Wilson, Jr., and N.D. Jones; and

8 WHEREAS, in 1949, EBR joined the National Association of Real Estate Brokers, adopted  
9 the designation "Realists" as their trade name, and its motto "Democracy in Housing"; and

10 WHEREAS, over the last eight decades, EBR has made significant accomplishments through  
11 its members, reinforced the competency of the organization and its members, and made  
12 significant strides toward equalizing opportunities in the marketplace; and

13 WHEREAS, through the years, EBR has played a viable role in the Atlanta area in donating  
14 and supporting such organizations as the SCLC, NAACP, United Negro College Fund,  
15 Urban League, and various community and charitable fundraising groups; and

16 WHEREAS, EBR continues to serve all citizens within its boundaries and dedicates its  
17 energies toward making the dream of home ownership a reality; and

18 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding work of this fine  
19 organization and its numerous contributions to the citizens of this state be appropriately  
20 recognized.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
22 recognize the Empire Board of Realtists for its rich history and tradition, commend the  
23 organization's efforts to provide housing opportunities to all Atlantans, and recognize  
24 February 23, 2011, as Empire Board of Realtists Day at the state capitol.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
26 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Empire Board of Realtists.