

House Resolution 342

By: Representatives Jacobs of the 80th, Ralston of the 7th, Taylor of the 79th, Geisinger of the 48th, Oliver of the 82nd, and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of James W. Tysinger; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens
3 with the passing of the Honorable James W. Tysinger; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Senator Tysinger was a Georgia Tech educated electrical engineer who became
5 interested in local politics and active in the Republican Party during Barry Goldwater's 1964
6 presidential campaign; and
- 7 WHEREAS, the Honorable James W. Tysinger became the seventh Republican member of
8 the Georgia Senate after joining a small group of Republican candidates in DeKalb County
9 in 1968; and
- 10 WHEREAS, Senator Tysinger served with distinction in the Georgia Senate for 30 years
11 until 1998; and
- 12 WHEREAS, Senator Tysinger was a member of the last city council of the Village of North
13 Atlanta and fought to save the city, which was shut down in 1965; and
- 14 WHEREAS, Senator Tysinger first built his home in the community in 1959, when there
15 were few houses, and was among the early residents of the area now anchored by Murphey
16 Candler Park in DeKalb County; and
- 17 WHEREAS, 47 years after the shutdown of North Atlanta, Senator Tysinger provided
18 invaluable advice and historical perspective for what amounted to the return of the city he
19 fought to save, when voters in his area of northern DeKalb County approved the creation of
20 a new city called Brookhaven in the same area North Atlanta occupied; and

21 WHEREAS, Senator Tysinger always made himself available to all residents of his district,
22 inviting interested citizens to join him to discuss important issues; and

23 WHEREAS, alongside former Senator Bell, they formed a group known as the Tysinger
24 Breakfast Forum which met to discuss political affairs; and

25 WHEREAS, Senator Tysinger began sponsoring a Lincoln Day Dinner every February as
26 a fund-raiser and to promote political activity, which became a state-wide attraction for more
27 than two decades; and

28 WHEREAS, upon reaching the age of 90 in August of 2011, former Senator Tysinger desired
29 more flexibility in his schedule, and North DeKalb Breakfast Forum, Inc., was formed in
30 order for his Forum to be continued; and

31 WHEREAS, the Forum, which regularly hosts elected officials from both political parties as
32 well as the judicial branch of government, is believed to be the oldest continual public group
33 that meets to discuss political affairs in the State of Georgia; and

34 WHEREAS, Senator Tysinger was a beloved friend and mentor to a long list of DeKalb
35 County elected officials from the start of his service in the Georgia Senate in 1969 to the
36 present day; and

37 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, James W. Tysinger will long be
38 remembered for his love of family and friendship, and this loyal husband, friend, and
39 Georgian will be missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing him.

40 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
41 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of the Honorable James W.
42 Tysinger and express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
44 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to James W. Tysinger's wife,
45 Mrs. Loretta Tysinger, and to the leadership of the North DeKalb Breakfast Forum, Inc.