

House Resolution 1081

By: Representative Brooks of the 55th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Melvin Robinson; 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 Melvin Robinson on November 17, 2013; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Melvin Robinson was born on November 1, 1943, in Mobile, Alabama, a
5 beloved son of the late Melvin and Dorothy Robinson; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he graduated from Central High School, received his B.A. from Livingstone
7 College, earned his Juris Doctorate from Indiana University, and received his Master of Laws
8 from New York University; and
- 9 WHEREAS, Melvin Robinson was united in love to his companion, Karen Semedo, and was
10 blessed with a remarkable son, Dr. Melvin Robinson III; and
- 11 WHEREAS, to all who knew him, Melvin Robinson was the embodiment of kindness,
12 caring, generosity, and humility; he was a committed and zealous advocate who earned a
13 stellar reputation for his dedication and service to his many clients and the community; and
- 14 WHEREAS, his legal career began with the Atlanta Legal Aid Society, where he represented
15 landlord/tenant and job discrimination cases for the disenfranchised and people from low
16 income communities; and
- 17 WHEREAS, Melvin Robinson litigated pro bono and won discrimination cases against
18 MARTA and the DeKalb County Police Department, resulting in the mandatory hiring of
19 African Americans and disenfranchised minorities; 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, Melvin Robinson was a loyal friend who possessed both a charismatic
24 personality and an ardent love of life. He enjoyed spending time with his family and many
25 friends, and was an avid world traveler.

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 Melvin Robinson 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 Melvin
31 Robinson.