

House Resolution 1565

By: Representatives Carson of the 46th, Ralston of the 7th, Parsons of the 44th, Cooper of the 43rd, Ehrhart of the 36th, and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Edward "Kip" William Klein III; 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 Edward "Kip" William Klein III; and
- 4 WHEREAS, he was an attorney from Marietta, Georgia, and served in the General Assembly
5 from 1991 to 1997 as a Republican; he also ran for the Republican nomination for Georgia
6 Attorney General in 1998; and
- 7 WHEREAS, shortly after the attorney general race in 1998, Kip was diagnosed with
8 Parkinson's disease, a degenerative, neuromuscular disorder; and
- 9 WHEREAS, he and his wife Sharon began working with United States Senator Johnny
10 Isakson, a close friend of the couple, on a compromise that would allow research using select
11 embryonic stem cells; and
- 12 WHEREAS, Kip served as a member of the Cobb County Chamber of Commerce, a board
13 member of the Feed the Hungry Foundation, and as a deacon and Sunday school teacher at
14 First Baptist Church of Atlanta; and
- 15 WHEREAS, he gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep concern
16 for his fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding he demonstrated to his
17 family and friends were admired by others; and
- 18 WHEREAS, Kip was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation
19 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness and, by the example he made of his life, he
20 made this world a better place in which to live; and

21 WHEREAS, he leaves behind to cherish his memory his wife Sharon, children Tate
22 Ferguson, Brittany Hunter, and Shannon Klein, and grandchild Austen Hunter; and

23 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, he will long be remembered for his love
24 of family and friendship, and this loyal gentleman and friend will be missed by all who had
25 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 Edward "Kip" William
28 Klein III and 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 Edward "Kip"
31 William Klein III.