

Senate Resolution 1065

By: Senators Davenport of the 44th, Tate of the 38th, Fort of the 39th, Orrock of the 36th, Carter of the 42nd and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending the Empire Board of Realtists, Inc.; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, this year the Empire Board of Realtists, Inc., (EBR) celebrates its 75th
3 anniversary; and
- 4 WHEREAS, an organization with rich history, the EBR was founded in 1939 by seven
5 African American brokers who were dissatisfied with the conditions for African American
6 real estate brokers, who had been denied membership in the National Association of Realtors
7 trade organization; and
- 8 WHEREAS, these brave founding members included W. H. Aiken, John G. Allen, O. T.
9 Bell, Wendell Cunningham, Roger Henderson, J. R. Wilson, Jr., and N. D. Jones; and
- 10 WHEREAS, in 1947, 12 pioneers, one woman and 11 men hailing from seven states across
11 the country, met in Tampa, Florida, to form the National Association of Real Estate Brokers,
12 Inc., (NAREB), making it the oldest minority trade association in America; and
- 13 WHEREAS, since its inception, the organization has participated in various meaningful
14 challenges and legislative improvements to establish fair housing for all; and
- 15 WHEREAS, the EBR continues to dedicate its energies towards ensuring that democracy in
16 housing may truly provide the stimuli and stamina for the EBR to remain an important
17 institution in the economic engine of metropolitan Atlanta and the State of Georgia.
- 18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
19 recognize the Empire Board of Realtists, Inc., for their outstanding efforts in bringing
20 equality to all Georgians and commend the organization on its 75th anniversary.
- 21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
22 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Empire Board of Realtists, Inc.