

House Resolution 2041

By: Representatives Evans of the 42nd, Wilkerson of the 38th, Morgan of the 39th, Smith of the 41st, Jones of the 53rd, and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Roberto Moraes; 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 Roberto Moraes on February 24, 2014; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Mr. Moraes was born on September 20, 1941, in Santa Cruz do Rio Pardo, Sao
5 Paulo, Brazil; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he moved to the United States at the age of 24, graduating from the University
7 of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, in 1976 with a degree in political science; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Mr. Moraes would go on to work 12 years at the United States Department of
9 Housing and Urban Development in Atlanta, retiring in 1990 after more than a decade of
10 loyal service; and
- 11 WHEREAS, for a brief time Mr. Moraes and his family relocated to Brazil to manage the
12 family farm after his father passed away; they moved back to Smyrna, Georgia, permanently
13 in 1995; and
- 14 WHEREAS, he was a staple at Democratic Party events both in Cobb County and throughout
15 this state, and was a regular citizen lobbyist at the state capitol; and
- 16 WHEREAS, for many years, Mr. Moraes was involved in countless progressive
17 organizations, including the Cobb County Democratic Party, the Georgia Immigrants and
18 Refugee Rights Coalition, Georgians for Alternatives for the Death Penalty, Georgia
19 Women's Action for New Directions, Stand for Peace, the Atlanta Freethought Society, and
20 the Feminist Women's Health Center; and

21 WHEREAS, he could often be found at demonstrations for issues he held dear, such as fair
22 immigration policy and environmental protection policy; and

23 WHEREAS, twice a year, Mr. Moraes visited Brazil, where he spent time with his many
24 friends and family members and where he was an avid fan of Brazilian soccer, especially the
25 national team and Sao Paulo Futebol Clube; and

26 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to Judy and was blessed with three
27 remarkable children, Vicki, Christina, and Lia, and three wonderful grandchildren; and

28 WHEREAS, he gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep concern
29 for his fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding he demonstrated to his
30 family and friends were admired by others; and

31 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Mr. Moraes will long be remembered for
32 his love of family and friendship, and this loyal gentleman and friend will be missed by all
33 who had the great fortune of knowing him.

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
35 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Roberto Moraes and
36 express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
38 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Roberto
39 Moraes.