

House Resolution 1966

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### A RESOLUTION

1 Reaffirming our commitment to attorney integrity and recognizing fiduciary duties owed by  
2 attorneys to clients and co-counsel; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the practice of law in the State of Georgia is a public trust essential to the fair  
4 administration of justice; and

5 WHEREAS, attorneys in Georgia are bound by duties of loyalty, candor, honesty,  
6 transparency, and fidelity under the Rules of Professional Conduct; and

7 WHEREAS, attorneys engaged in joint representation share responsibility and authority over  
8 client matters, including the safeguarding and disbursement of client funds and attorney's  
9 fees; and

10 WHEREAS, the integrity of Georgia's justice system depends upon lawyers honoring  
11 fiduciary obligations to their clients and within co-counsel relationships.

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
13 the members of this body reaffirm their commitment to attorney integrity and recognize that

14 lawyers engaged in joint representation owe fiduciary duties to their clients and to one  
15 another.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
17 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the  
18 public and the press.