

## House Resolution 4EX

By: Representatives Ralston of the 7<sup>th</sup>, Welch of the 110<sup>th</sup>, Reeves of the 34<sup>th</sup>, Jones of the 47<sup>th</sup>, Trammell of the 132<sup>nd</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring and remembering the life of the Honorable P. Harris Hines, former Chief Justice  
2 of the Supreme Court of Georgia; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, it is with a heavy heart that the State of Georgia pays it final respects to the  
4 Honorable P. Harris Hines, a great legal mind and devoted public servant, who dedicated  
5 more than four decades of his life to justice while serving on the bench; and

6 WHEREAS, Chief Justice Hines began his illustrious legal career in 1974 when Governor  
7 Jimmy Carter appointed him to serve on the State Court of Cobb County; in succeeding  
8 decades, he served on the Cobb County Superior Court and, in 1995, was appointed by  
9 Governor Zell Miller to the Supreme Court of Georgia, where he became Chief Justice in  
10 2016; and

11 WHEREAS, during his tenure on the Georgia Supreme Court, Chief Justice Hines earned a  
12 well-deserved reputation for his brilliant mind and astute legal acumen while presiding over  
13 the court with a respectful and gracious temperament and handing down honorable and  
14 fair-minded decisions; and

15 WHEREAS, known for his approachable and friendly demeanor, Chief Justice Hines was  
16 cherished by many for his infectious smile, warm and easygoing personality, and constant  
17 displays of kindness and compassion; and

18 WHEREAS, Chief Justice Hines will long be remembered and sorely missed by his friends,  
19 colleagues, and neighbors and by his loving family, including his wife, Helen, and two  
20 children and four grandchildren; and

21 WHEREAS, while we mourn the unexpected loss of a true leader who was the epitome of  
22 a gentleman, comfort can be gained in knowing how fortunate the citizens of this state are  
23 to have had such an inspiring and passionate leader.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
25 the members of this body join together in honoring and remembering the life of the  
26 Honorable P. Harris Hines, express their deepest regret at his passing, and extend their most  
27 sincere condolences to his family.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
29 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the  
30 family of the Honorable P. Harris Hines.