

House Resolution 413

By: Representative Glanton of the 75<sup>th</sup>

#### 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 76th  
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 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
19 the members of this body recognize the Empire Board of Realtists, Inc., for their outstanding  
20 efforts in bringing equality to all Georgians and commend the organization on its 76th  
21 anniversary.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
23 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the  
24 Empire Board of Realtists, Inc.