

House Resolution 746

By: Representatives Ralston of the 7th, Smith of the 134th, Smyre of the 135th, Smith of the 133rd, Hugley of the 136th, and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Miller Peterson "Pete" Robinson; 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 Miller Peterson "Pete" Robinson on July 1, 2021; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Pete was born on December 4, 1954, in Columbus, Georgia, a beloved son of
5 Jeanne and Ezekiel Robinson; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he was the proud father to his three children, Carolyn, Miller, and Grant; and
- 7 WHEREAS, beginning in 1985, Pete served in the Georgia legislature for a decade, first in
8 the House of Representatives and then in the Senate, where he served as Governor Zell
9 Miller's floor leader for two years; and
- 10 WHEREAS, Pete then became majority leader and president pro-temp in 1994; the only
11 president pro-temp to be nominated by both the Republican and Democratic leaders; and
- 12 WHEREAS, in 1994, Pete left elected office and practiced law in Columbus, continuing his
13 quiet influence on governmental policy and issue advocacy; in 2001, he was lured back to

14 Atlanta, serving as a managing partner at Troutman Sanders LLP as well as co-founder and
15 chair of Troutman Sanders Strategies; and

16 WHEREAS, in the state's legal, political, and lobbying communities, he was known for
17 mentoring young people and enabling them to become principled, effective leaders; and

18 WHEREAS, Pete was a honorable mentor to many people and someone who folks turned to
19 for advice at critical points in their careers and lives; and

20 WHEREAS, although he walked the halls of power in Atlanta as a lawmaker and influential
21 lobbyist, those who knew him best say that he never forgot his Columbus roots and
22 constantly worked to make his hometown a better place; and

23 WHEREAS, Pete's decades of leadership in his local community, the Georgia General
24 Assembly, and various other roles have played a significant role in making Georgia a better
25 place for all who call it home; and

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

29 WHEREAS, he was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation
30 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness, and by the example he made of his life, he
31 made this world a better place in which to live; and

32 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Pete will long be remembered for his love
33 of family, friendship, and community and will be missed by all who had the great fortune of
34 knowing him.

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
36 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Miller Peterson "Pete"
37 Robinson and express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
39 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
40 family of Miller Peterson "Pete" Robinson.