

Senate Resolution 346

By: Senators Davenport of the 44th, Tate of the 38th, James of the 35th, Harrell of the 40th, Seay of the 34th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing March 13, 2023, as Empire Board of Realists Day at the Capitol; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, an organization with rich history, the Empire Board of Realists® (EBR) Inc.
4 was founded in 1939 by seven African American brokers who were dissatisfied with the
5 conditions for African American real estate brokers, who had been denied membership in the
6 National Association of Realtors trade organization; and

7 WHEREAS, these brave founding members included W. H. Aiken, John G. Allen, O. T.
8 Bell, Wendell Cunningham, Roger Henderson, J. R. Wilson, Jr., and N. D. Jones; and

9 WHEREAS, in 1947, 12 pioneers, one woman and 11 men hailing from seven states across
10 the country, met in Tampa, Florida, to form the National Association of Real Estate Brokers
11 Inc. (NAREB), making it the oldest minority trade association in America; and

12 WHEREAS, since its inception, the organization has participated in various meaningful
13 challenges and legislative improvements to establish fair housing for all; and

14 WHEREAS, the EBR continues to dedicate its energies towards ensuring that democracy in
15 housing may truly provide the stimuli and stamina for the EBR to remain an important
16 institution in the economic engine of metropolitan Atlanta and the State of Georgia.

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
18 recognize March 13, 2023, as Empire Board of Realtists Day at the Capitol.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
20 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the Empire Board
21 of Realtists® Inc.