

## Senate Resolution 523

By: Senators Davenport of the 44th, Anderson of the 43rd, Jones II of the 22nd, Sims of the 12th, Jones of the 10th and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Empire Board of Realtists® Inc. upon its 85th  
2 anniversary; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, an organization with rich history, the Empire Board of Realtists® (EBR) Inc.  
4 was founded in 1939 by seven African American real estate brokers who were dissatisfied  
5 with the conditions for African American brokers and the denial of such brokers' membership  
6 to the 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 and commend the Empire Board of Realtists® Inc. upon its 85th anniversary and  
19 extend best wishes for continued success.

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