

House Resolution 940

By: Representative DeLoach of the 172<sup>nd</sup>

### A RESOLUTION

1 Compensating Danny Goodman; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Danny Goodman is the owner of a 101 foot fiberglass trawler, the Amazing  
3 Grace, which was designed and custom built for the purpose of shrimping on the Georgia  
4 coast under the laws of this state as they existed at the time of the design and construction  
5 of the boat; and

6 WHEREAS, at the 2001 regular session, the General Assembly of Georgia enacted House  
7 Bill 636, Ga. L. 2001, p. 1069, which amended Code Section 27-4-133 to limit the size of  
8 shrimp nets which may lawfully be used in this state; and

9 WHEREAS, because of the design of the Amazing Grace, this change in the law rendered  
10 the boat totally unusable for shrimping in this state and the boat cannot be converted or  
11 modified to operate pulling the smaller nets which are now required; and

12 WHEREAS, not only has Danny Goodman lost the use of his investment in his boat and  
13 spare parts for such boat, but he has also lost income and potential income as a result of this  
14 change in the law; and

15 WHEREAS, such loss occurred through no fault or negligence on the part of Danny  
16 Goodman, and it is only fitting and proper that he be compensated for his loss.

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
18 GEORGIA that the Department of Natural Resources is authorized and directed to pay the  
19 sum of \$1,313,576.00 to Danny Goodman as compensation as provided above. Said sum  
20 shall be paid from funds appropriated to or available to said department and shall be in full  
21 and complete satisfaction of all claims against the state arising out of said occurrence.