

House Resolution 986

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A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the House Study Committee on the Development of Sustainable Energy in Georgia;
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, experience over the past two years has demonstrated how dependence on
4 traditional fossil fuels leads to economic distress when the flow of that energy source is
5 slowed or disrupted; and

6 WHEREAS, because of its importance to our well-being, the security of traditional fuel
7 supplies have become of grave concern in recent days, and dependence leaves our society
8 vulnerable to disruption by persons of ill will; and

9 WHEREAS, sources of sustainable energy surround us, including solar, hydrogen, biomass,
10 wind, incremental hydropower, and other sources, if only we had the will to utilize fully the
11 existing and developing technology to unlock the energy in those readily available resources;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, it is within the power of this body to enact legislation which will encourage the
14 development of renewable energy sources, so that what is now wasted can be harnessed and
15 the quality of our lives will be improved in many different ways.

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
17 there is created the House Study Committee on the Development of Sustainable Energy in
18 Georgia to be composed of five members of the House of Representatives to be appointed
19 by the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The Speaker shall designate a member of
20 the committee as chairperson of the committee. The chairperson shall call all meetings of
21 the committee.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a study of the conditions,
23 needs, issues, and problems mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any actions

1 or legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate. The committee may
2 conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or
3 convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and
4 accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution. The members of the committee
5 shall receive the allowances authorized for legislative members of interim legislative
6 committees but shall receive the same for not more than ten days unless additional days are
7 authorized. The funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come
8 from the funds appropriated to the House of Representatives. In the event the committee
9 makes a report of its findings and recommendations, with suggestions for proposed
10 legislation, if any, such report shall be made on or before December 31, 2002. The
11 committee shall stand abolished on December 31, 2002.