

Senate Resolution 790

By: Senators Jackson of the 50th and Haines of the 46th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Creating the Senate Underage Drinking Study Committee; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Georgia's youth are the state's most precious resource; and
- 3 WHEREAS, alcohol is a powerful mood-altering drug and affects children's changing and
4 developing hormonal systems; and
- 5 WHEREAS, it is more harmful to smaller bodies and minds that are still growing; and
- 6 WHEREAS, children are using alcohol more than tobacco or illegal drugs; and
- 7 WHEREAS, an overwhelming majority of Americans (96 percent) are concerned about
8 underage drinking; and
- 9 WHEREAS, problems resulting from early alcohol use can affect children for life, in
10 education, relationships, and jobs; and
- 11 WHEREAS, 2.6 million teenagers do not know that a person can die from an alcohol
12 overdose; and
- 13 WHEREAS, alcohol is implicated in more than 40 percent of all academic problems and 28
14 percent of all dropouts; and
- 15 WHEREAS, nearly one-third of college students surveyed said they wished alcohol was not
16 available at campus events; and
- 17 WHEREAS, \$134 million per congressional district is being spent on youth alcohol related
18 problems.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that there is created the Senate
2 Underage Drinking Study Committee to be composed of five members of the Senate to be
3 appointed by the President of the Senate. The President of the Senate shall designate a
4 member of the committee as chairperson of the committee. The chairperson shall call all
5 meetings of the committee.

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a study of the conditions,
7 needs, issues, and problems mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any actions
8 or legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate. The committee may
9 conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or
10 convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and
11 accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution. The members of the committee
12 shall receive the allowances authorized for legislative members of interim legislative
13 committees, but shall receive the same for not more than five days unless additional days are
14 authorized. The funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come
15 from the funds appropriated to the Senate. In the event the committee makes a report of its
16 findings and recommendations, with suggestions for proposed legislation, if any, such report
17 shall be made on or before December 31, 2002. The committee shall stand abolished on
18 December 31, 2002.