

The House Committee on Appropriations offers the following substitute to HR 940:

A RESOLUTION

1 Compensating Danny Goodman; and for other purposes.

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

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

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

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

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

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23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
24 GEORGIA that the Department of Natural Resources is authorized and directed to pay the
25 sum of \$70,000.00 to Danny Goodman as compensation as provided above. Said sum shall
26 be paid from funds appropriated to or available to said department and shall be in full and
27 complete satisfaction of all claims against the state arising out of said occurrence.