

House Resolution 10

By: Representative Walker of the 141st

A RESOLUTION

1 To create the Georgia State Flag Advisory Commission; to provide for the membership,
2 duties, and operation of the commission; to provide for related matters; and for other
3 purposes.

4 WHEREAS, during the history of the State of Georgia there have been periodic changes in
5 the design of the Georgia state flag, some such changes having evolved by custom and other
6 changes having been provided for by state law in 1879, 1902, and 1956; and

7 WHEREAS, the current design of the Georgia state flag is provided by law in Official Code
8 of Georgia Annotated Section 50-3-1; and

9 WHEREAS, proposals have been advanced to again change the design of the state flag and
10 such proposals have become a matter of controversy and debate; and

11 WHEREAS, the creation of an advisory commission to study this matter and make
12 recommendations to the General Assembly is in the best interest of the State of Georgia and
13 its citizens.

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
15 GEORGIA that there is created the Georgia State Flag Advisory Commission to be
16 composed of 15 members, five members to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of
17 Representatives, five members to be appointed by the President of the Senate, and five
18 members to be appointed by the Governor. In making such appointments, the appointing
19 officers shall give consideration to the diverse character of the citizens of Georgia and the
20 diversity of opinions with respect to the current state flag. No two members shall be
21 appointed from the same congressional district by any one of the appointing officers. The
22 Governor shall designate one of his appointees to serve as chair of the commission. The
23 commission shall meet at the call of the chair.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the commission shall undertake a study of the issues
2 described above and recommend any actions or legislation which the commission deems
3 necessary or appropriate. The commission may conduct such meetings and hearings at such
4 places and at such times as it may deem necessary or convenient to enable it to exercise fully
5 and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and accomplish the objectives and purposes
6 of this resolution. The members of the commission shall receive the allowances authorized
7 for legislative members of interim legislative committees, but the number of days for which
8 they shall receive the same may be limited or changed from time to time by joint action of
9 the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House. The funds necessary to carry out
10 the provisions of this resolution shall come from the funds appropriated to the House of
11 Representatives and Senate.