

Senate Resolution 1004

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A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the Senate Study Committee on Cultural Tourism; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, more and more travelers are seeking family vacations that include some cultural
3 exposure in addition to the traditional American focus on recreation alone; and

4 WHEREAS, cultural events such as special art exhibits at museums, ballet performances,
5 live theater, and symphony orchestras have long attracted tourists to the great American cities
6 in pursuit of enjoyment that is not available locally for many citizens; and

7 WHEREAS, many communities are discovering that American families are eager to explore
8 rural areas and smaller communities and enjoy craft fairs, festivals, and historical sites; and

9 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia must review its efforts to encourage tourism throughout
10 the state and particularly the many small towns and rural communities that have played an
11 important role in the social, economic, and cultural history of this great state in an effort to
12 expand revenue sources for local governments to meet the rising costs of public service.

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that there is created the Senate
14 Study Committee on Cultural Tourism to be composed of six members of the Senate to be
15 appointed by the President of the Senate. The President of the Senate shall designate a
16 member of the committee as chairperson of the committee. The chairperson shall call all
17 meetings of the committee.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a study of the conditions,
19 needs, issues, and problems mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any actions
20 or legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate. The committee may
21 conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or
22 convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and
23 accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution. The members of the committee

1 shall receive the allowances authorized for legislative members of interim legislative
2 committees but shall receive the same for not more than five days unless additional days are
3 authorized. The funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come
4 from the funds appropriated to the Senate. In the event the committee makes a report of its
5 findings and recommendations, with suggestions for proposed legislation, if any, such report
6 shall be made on or before December 31, 2002. The committee shall stand abolished on
7 December 31, 2002.