

Senate Resolution 303

By: Senators Zamarripa of the 36th, Reed of the 35th and Fort of the 39th

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the Joint Study Committee on the Rehabilitation of the Winecoff Hotel; and for
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Winecoff Hotel is an important historic centerpiece of the downtown
4 Atlanta skyline located at the major intersection of Peachtree Street and Ellis Street; and

5 WHEREAS, the Winecoff Hotel was built in 1913 and was considered one of the nation's
6 finest luxury hotels offering its guests the highest standards of comfort; and

7 WHEREAS, the Winecoff Hotel is infamous as the site of one of the country's worst hotel
8 fires that claimed the lives of 119 people in 1946; and

9 WHEREAS, rehabilitation of Atlanta's Winecoff Hotel would preserve this well-known
10 landmark, contribute to the vibrancy of Georgia's capital city, stimulate public-private
11 investment in the preservation of historic structures, and benefit the state and local economy.

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13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY that the Joint
14 Study Committee on the Rehabilitation of the Winecoff Hotel is created to be composed of
15 five members. The President of the Senate shall appoint one member of the Senate who shall
16 be a cochairperson and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint one
17 member of the House of Representatives who shall be a cochairperson. The Governor, the
18 President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and the Speaker Pro Tempore of the House of
19 Representatives shall each appoint one citizen member with experience in redevelopment,
20 finance, or historic preservation. The cochairpersons shall call all committee meetings.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall investigate the financial options for
22 preserving and redeveloping the historic Winecoff Hotel and promoting downtown Atlanta
23 revitalization and shall study the conditions, needs, issues, and problems mentioned related
24 thereto and recommend any actions or legislation that the committee deems necessary or

1 appropriate. The committee is authorized to seek information, advice, and counsel of
2 knowledgeable persons, groups, and organizations, including Central Atlanta Progress, the
3 Atlanta Downtown Development Authority, The Georgia Trust, Atlanta Preservation Center,
4 and others to assist in its study. The committee may conduct such meetings at such places
5 and at such times as it may deem necessary or convenient to enable it to exercise fully and
6 effectively its powers, perform its duties, and accomplish the objectives and purposes of this
7 resolution. The legislative members of the committee shall receive the allowances
8 authorized for legislative members of interim legislative committees but shall receive the
9 same for not more than five days unless additional days are authorized. The funds necessary
10 to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come from the funds appropriated to the
11 Senate and the House of Representatives. In the event the committee makes a report of its
12 findings and recommendations, with suggestions for proposed legislation, if any, such report
13 shall be made on or before December 31, 2003. The committee shall stand abolished on
14 December 31, 2003.