

House Resolution 781

By: Representatives Jackson of the 124th, Post 1, Heard of the 75th, Williams of the 128th, Mitchell of the 61st, Post 3, and Stephens of the 124th, Post 2

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the House Study Committee on Pari-mutuel Betting on Horse Racing; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia is facing a major economic crisis which threatens to
4 continue for the foreseeable future; and

5 WHEREAS, faced with a budget shortfall approaching \$1 billion, the General Assembly is
6 assiduously seeking and considering new revenue-enhancing measures; and

7 WHEREAS, the legalization of horse tracks in this state and pari-mutuel wagering on horse
8 racing may be an additional source of revenue that would help in remedying the current
9 budget problems and in restoring Georgia to a sound financial base; and

10 WHEREAS, the financial implications for the state of such legislative action deserve to be
11 considered and studied.

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
13 there is created the House Study Committee on Pari-Mutuel Betting on Horse Racing to be
14 composed of five members of the House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker
15 of the House of Representatives. The Speaker shall designate a member of the committee
16 as chairperson of the committee. The chairperson shall call all meetings of the committee.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a study of the above
18 issues and recommend any actions or legislation which the committee deems necessary or
19 appropriate. The committee may conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as
20 it may deem necessary or convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers,
21 perform its duties, and accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution. The
22 members of the committee shall receive the allowances authorized for legislative members
23 of interim legislative committees but shall receive the same for not more than five days

1 unless additional days are authorized. The funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this
2 resolution shall come from the funds appropriated to the House of Representatives. In the
3 event the committee makes a report of its findings and recommendations, with suggestions
4 for proposed legislation, if any, such report shall be made on or before December 31, 2003.
5 The committee shall stand abolished on December 31, 2003.