

## House Resolution 1569

By: Representatives Bannister of the 70<sup>th</sup>, Post 1, Dodson of the 84<sup>th</sup>, Post 1, Millar of the 52<sup>nd</sup>, Parsons of the 29<sup>th</sup>, Holmes of the 48<sup>th</sup>, Post 1, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the creation of a coordinated, multijurisdictional approach to law enforcement issues  
2 relating to criminal gangs in the metropolitan Atlanta area; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the General Assembly has previously, through the enactment of the "Georgia  
4 Street Gang Terrorism and Prevention Act," Chapter 15 of Title 16 of the Official Code of  
5 Georgia Annotated, recognized the existence of and threats posed by criminal street gangs  
6 and sought the eradication of criminal activity by street gangs by focusing upon patterns of  
7 criminal gang activity and upon the organized nature of street gangs; and

8 WHEREAS, the metropolitan Atlanta area and Gwinnett County have been singled out as  
9 "hot beds of gang activity" by *Newsweek* magazine; and

10 WHEREAS, gangs operate across city and county jurisdictions, often moving to one  
11 jurisdiction to escape another; and

12 WHEREAS, there exists a need for a multijurisdictional task force to operate under the  
13 auspices of the Georgia Bureau of Investigation to combat criminal gang activity within  
14 Fulton, DeKalb, Cobb, Gwinnett, and Clayton counties.

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
16 the above named counties and the municipalities within those counties are urged to establish  
17 a metropolitan Atlanta area criminal gang policy and review committee for the purpose of  
18 studying the issues outlined in this resolution and recommending to the General Assembly  
19 any necessary legislation for the establishment and funding of a multijurisdictional law  
20 enforcement task force to combat criminal gang activity.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House is authorized and directed to  
22 transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, to the

- 1 governing authority of each county named in this resolution, and to the governing authority
- 2 of each municipal corporation within such counties.