

House Resolution 92

By: Representatives Burkhalter of the 50th, Lewis of the 15th, and Forster of the 3rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the Joint House and Senate LNG and Natural Gas Infrastructure Study Committee;
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the demand for natural gas in the United States is forecast to increase
4 significantly with all sectors of the economy, including residential, commercial, industrial,
5 and power generation, contributing to the growth; and

6 WHEREAS, clean burning liquefied natural gas (LNG) will play an increasingly significant
7 role in meeting that demand; and

8 WHEREAS, LNG facilities have historically been used to meet the peak demand for natural
9 gas in Georgia on the coldest days of the year; and

10 WHEREAS, the majority of the natural gas supply serving Georgia throughout the year has
11 been transported from the Gulf of Mexico; and

12 WHEREAS, imported LNG is becoming an economically viable natural gas supply option;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, most imported LNG to the United States comes from Trinidad and Tobago,
15 Qatar, Algeria, Nigeria, Australia, and Indonesia and is transported in large, modern tankers
16 to one of four United States import terminals, including a facility at Elba Island, Georgia; and

17 WHEREAS, upon reaching its destination, imported LNG is turned back into a gas and sent
18 out through natural gas pipelines as ordinary natural gas; and

19 WHEREAS, the availability of imported LNG to the Elba Island LNG facility off the coast
20 of Georgia could provide additional supply reliability and supply diversity to Georgia; and

1 WHEREAS, increased diversity of natural gas supply to Georgia offsetting part of the need
2 for Gulf of Mexico supply will help to stabilize or lower the price for natural gas and help
3 to create a favorable energy market for Georgia consumers; and

4 WHEREAS, a favorable energy market in Georgia will aid economic development, help to
5 attract new jobs to Georgia, and help to secure existing jobs; and

6 WHEREAS, for the full benefits of LNG to be realized in Georgia, additional investment in
7 natural gas infrastructure, including pipelines, storage facilities, and additional LNG
8 terminals or facilities, is required; and

9 WHEREAS, accordingly, such investment in LNG and the necessary natural gas
10 infrastructure should be encouraged, and any disincentives to such investments contained in
11 current statutes, existing rules or regulations, or policies should be eliminated.

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY that there is
13 created the Joint House and Senate LNG and Natural Gas Infrastructure Study Committee
14 to be composed of five members of the House of Representatives to be appointed by the
15 Speaker of the House of Representatives and five members of the Senate to be appointed by
16 the Senate Committee on Assignments. The Speaker of the House shall designate a member
17 of the committee as cochairperson of the committee, and the Senate Committee on
18 Assignments shall designate a member of the committee as cochairperson of the committee.
19 The cochairpersons shall call all meetings of the committee. The cochairpersons may appoint
20 one or more advisory committees composed of nonmembers of the committee.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a study of the conditions,
22 needs, issues, challenges, and opportunities mentioned above or related thereto and shall
23 develop and recommend legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate to
24 address such issues. The committee may conduct such meetings at such places and at such
25 times as it may deem necessary or convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively
26 its powers, perform its duties, and accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution.
27 The legislative members of the committee shall receive the allowances authorized for
28 legislative members of interim legislative committees but shall receive the same for not more
29 than five days unless additional days are authorized. The members of any advisory
30 committee shall serve without compensation. The funds necessary to carry out the provisions
31 of this resolution shall come from the funds appropriated to the House of Representatives and
32 the Senate. In the event the committee makes a report of its findings and recommendations,

- 1 such report shall be made on or before December 31, 2005. The committee shall stand
- 2 abolished on December 31, 2005.