

House Resolution 642

By: Representatives Stephens of the 164th, Parrish of the 156th, Channell of the 116th, Barnard of the 166th, and Graves of the 137th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Creating the House Film and Video Game Technology Study Committee; and for other
- 2 purposes.

- 3 WHEREAS, one of the spinoffs of the motion picture industry is the technology in the video
- 4 game development industry; and

- 5 WHEREAS, video games, with graphics, music, and story lines, have assumed new
- 6 prominence in the entertainment industry; and

- 7 WHEREAS, the movie and game industries are intertwined with the video games essentially
- 8 an extension of Hollywood movies or vice versa; and

- 9 WHEREAS, the domestic video game industry topped \$13.9 billion in revenue last year,
- 10 surpassing the domestic motion picture industry; and

- 11 WHEREAS, other states, such as Louisiana, have initiated aggressive programs to entice the
- 12 industry of software development for video games into their area; and

- 13 WHEREAS, one of the competitive advantages that this state has in attracting the video
- 14 game development industry is the wealth of quality computer programmers graduating from
- 15 our colleges and universities; and

- 16 WHEREAS, concerted efforts to integrate video gaming into this state's entertainment
- 17 industry by bringing together music, film, and digital production would be highly beneficial
- 18 to the state's economic development; and

- 19 WHEREAS, the creation of a committee to study this matter and make recommendations to
- 20 the General Assembly on how to make Georgia more competitive in the pursuit of movie and

1 video game development industry business is in the best interest of the State of Georgia and
2 its citizens.

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
4 there is created the House Film and Video Game Technology Study Committee to be
5 composed of five members of the House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker
6 of the House of Representatives. The Speaker shall designate a member of the committee
7 as chairperson of the committee. The chairperson shall call all meetings of the committee.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a study of the conditions,
9 needs, issues, and problems mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any actions
10 or legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate. The committee may
11 conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or
12 convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and
13 accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution. The members of the committee
14 shall receive the allowances provided for in Code Section 28-1-8 of the Official Code of
15 Georgia Annotated. The allowances authorized by this resolution shall not be received by
16 any member of the committee for more than five days unless additional days are authorized.
17 The funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come from the funds
18 appropriated to the House of Representatives. In the event the committee makes a report of
19 its findings and recommendations, with suggestions for proposed legislation, if any, such
20 report shall be made on or before December 31, 2005. The committee shall stand abolished
21 on December 31, 2005.