

House Resolution 214 (RULES COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE)

By: Representative Sims of the 169th

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the House All-terrain Vehicle (ATV) Safety Study Committee; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, all-terrain vehicles have become tremendously popular throughout Georgia; and

4 WHEREAS, there continue to be an alarming number of injuries and deaths in Georgia
5 related to ATV accidents; and

6 WHEREAS, many young people in Georgia are particularly vulnerable to ATV accidents;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, despite repeated calls for more safety features and warnings on ATVs the
9 manufacturers have not responded sufficiently; and

10 WHEREAS, the unrestricted use of ATVs on public roads and highways has become a threat
11 to all Georgians using the roads or highways; and

12 WHEREAS, accordingly, education as to the proper and safe use of ATVs is of great
13 importance in order to protect the citizens of this state, particularly the children.

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
15 there is created the House All-terrain Vehicle (ATV) Safety Study Committee to be
16 composed of three members of the House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker
17 of the House of Representatives. The Speaker of the House shall designate a member of the
18 committee as chairperson of the committee. The chairperson shall call all meetings of the
19 committee.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a study of the conditions,

1 needs, issues, challenges, and opportunities mentioned above or related thereto and shall
2 develop and recommend legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate to
3 address such issues. The committee may conduct such meetings at such places and at such
4 times as it may deem necessary or convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively
5 its powers, perform its duties, and accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution.
6 The committee will endeavor to reach all of the citizens of this state by scheduling at least
7 one meeting in south Georgia, at least one meeting in central Georgia, and at least one
8 meeting in north Georgia. The legislative members of the committee shall receive the
9 allowances authorized for legislative members of interim legislative committees but shall
10 receive the same for not more than three days unless additional days are authorized. Except
11 as otherwise provided in this resolution, the funds necessary to carry out the provisions of
12 this resolution shall come from the funds appropriated to the House of Representatives. In
13 the event the committee makes a report of its findings and recommendations, such report
14 shall be made on or before December 31, 2005. The committee shall stand abolished on
15 December 31, 2005.