

House Resolution 1700

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A RESOLUTION

- 1 Creating the House Study Committee on Cruise Ship Terminals; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, business interest is greatly increasing in Georgia's ports and there are expansion
3 plans for their economic development; and
- 4 WHEREAS, construction bonds should be considered to construct two cruise ship terminals,
5 one at Brunswick and one at Savannah; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Georgia could successfully compete for the growing cruise ship market; and
- 7 WHEREAS, the construction of these terminals would bring jobs and additional tax base to
8 Georgia; and
- 9 WHEREAS, research shows the augmentation of Georgia's ports would encourage the
10 development of cruise ship terminals and dramatically increase tourism in the surrounding
11 areas, bringing new business to hotels, resorts and other local businesses; and
- 12 WHEREAS, while the estimated costs are substantial, research indicates the billion-dollar
13 potential benefit to Georgia's economy far exceeds any cost sharing by the state of Georgia.
- 14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
15 there is created the House Study Committee on Cruise Ship Terminals to be composed of
16 five members of the House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the House
17 of Representatives. The Speaker shall designate a member of the committee as chairperson.
18 The chairperson shall call all meetings of the committee.
- 19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a study of the above
20 issues and recommend any actions or legislation that it deems necessary or appropriate. The
21 committee may conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem

1 necessary or convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its
2 duties, and accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution. The members of the
3 committee shall receive the allowances authorized for legislative members of interim
4 legislative committees but shall receive the same for not more than five days unless
5 additional days are authorized. The funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this
6 resolution shall come from the funds appropriated to the House of Representatives. In the
7 event that the committee makes a report of its findings and recommendations with
8 suggestions for proposed legislation, if any, such report shall be made on or before December
9 31, 2006. The committee shall stand abolished on December 31, 2006.