

House Resolution 1921

By: Representatives Burkhalter of the 50th and Stephens of the 164th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 To create the House Study Committee on Funding for the Arts; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, tourism is Georgia's second largest industry and cultural heritage tourism is the
3 fastest growing industry segment; and
- 4 WHEREAS, the arts surpass professional sports in attendance and are ranked as one of the
5 top ten reasons for corporate relocations; and
- 6 WHEREAS, the arts preserve history and heritage for Georgians; and
- 7 WHEREAS, the arts enhance education success for our children through the teaching of
8 complex and abstract ideas; the nurturing of the development of cognitive, social, and
9 personal competencies; and the reaching of otherwise unreachable students; and
- 10 WHEREAS, companies desire employees who can meet the challenges of a global economy
11 and can apply creative thought to problem solving; and
- 12 WHEREAS, the arts build communities and increase the quality of life for Georgians; and
- 13 WHEREAS, increasing the availability of the arts and tourism is a direct economic benefit
14 for the economy of Georgia and will provide jobs and opportunities for our citizens; and
- 15 WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of this state and its citizens to support the arts and
16 tourism by funding such activities and providing such activities with a stable and reliable
17 base of support.
- 18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
19 there is created the House Study Committee on Funding for the Arts to be composed of five
20 members of the House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of

1 Representatives. The Speaker shall designate a member of the committee as chairperson of
2 the committee. The chairperson shall call all meetings of the committee.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a study of the above
4 issues and recommend any actions or legislation that the committee deems necessary or
5 appropriate. The committee shall seek the input of a diverse representation of the arts
6 community in this state in performing its study. The committee may conduct such meetings
7 at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or convenient to enable it to
8 exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and accomplish the objectives
9 and purposes of this resolution. The members of the committee shall receive the allowances
10 authorized for legislative members of interim legislative committees but shall receive the
11 same for not more than five days unless additional days are authorized. The funds necessary
12 to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come from the funds appropriated to the
13 House of Representatives. In the event that the committee makes a report of its findings and
14 recommendations with suggestions for proposed legislation, if any, such report shall be made
15 on or before December 31, 2006. The committee shall stand abolished on December 31,
16 2006.