

House Resolution 2088

By: Representatives Heard of the 114th, Kidd of the 115th, and Greene of the 149th

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the House Black Belt Study Committee; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, the rural south contains 30 percent of this nation's population and 34 percent
3 of the nation's poor; and

4 WHEREAS, Georgia's share of this pervasive poverty is disproportionately large as
5 evidenced by the sobering statistics that our state is home to more than 25 percent of all poor
6 people living in the eleven state southeastern region of the United States; and

7 WHEREAS, the residents of this state bear a tremendous burden as a result of the continuous
8 cycle of poverty and it is abundantly appropriate that a comprehensive study of this pervasive
9 poverty be undertaken.

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
11 there is created the House Black Belt Study Committee to be composed of five members of
12 the House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of
13 Representatives. The Speaker shall designate a member of the committee as chairperson of
14 the committee. The chairperson shall call all meetings of the committee.

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a study of the conditions,
16 needs, issues, and problems mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any action
17 or legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate. The committee may
18 conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or
19 convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and
20 accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution. The members of the committee
21 shall receive the allowances provided for in Code Section 28-1-8 of the Official Code of
22 Georgia Annotated. The allowances authorized by this resolution shall not be received by
23 any member of the committee for more than five days unless additional days are authorized.
24 The funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come from the funds

1 appropriated to the House of Representatives. In the event the committee makes a report of
2 its findings and recommendations, with suggestions for proposed legislation, if any, such
3 report shall be made on or before December 1, 2006. The committee shall stand abolished
4 on December 1, 2006.