

House Resolution 149

By: Representatives Epps of the 128th, Buckner of the 130th, and Nix of the 69th

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the Joint Study Committee on the Viability of Commuter Rail Service from Atlanta
2 to West Point; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, traffic congestion continues to be a major problem throughout the State of
4 Georgia; and

5 WHEREAS, the Georgia Department of Transportation has recently endorsed the use of
6 commuter rail on existing tracks in order to help with traffic congestion in metropolitan
7 Atlanta; and

8 WHEREAS, West Point, Georgia, was recently chosen as the site for a new KIA automobile
9 manufacturing plant; and

10 WHEREAS, along with the economic growth brought by this new facility will be an
11 increased demand on the roads and infrastructure in the area; and

12 WHEREAS, once the plant is operational, the workers will need an economical and efficient
13 way to and from the plant.

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
15 there is created the Joint Study Committee on the Viability of Commuter Rail Service from
16 Atlanta to West Point, composed of three members of the Senate to be appointed by the
17 President of the Senate and three members of the House of Representatives to be appointed
18 by the Speaker of the House. The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House shall
19 each designate a member of the committee as cochairperson of the committee. The
20 cochairpersons shall call all meetings of the committee.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a study of the conditions,
22 needs, and issues mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any action or

1 legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate. The committee may
2 conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or
3 convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and
4 accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution. The members of the committee
5 shall receive the allowances provided for in Code Section 28-1-8 of the Official Code of
6 Georgia Annotated. The allowances authorized by this resolution shall not be received by
7 any member of the committee for more than five days unless additional days are authorized.
8 The funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come from the funds
9 appropriated to the Senate and the House of Representatives. In the event the committee
10 makes a report of its findings and recommendations, with suggestions for proposed
11 legislation, if any, such report shall be made on or before the convening of the 2008 session
12 of the General Assembly, at which time the committee shall stand abolished.