

House Resolution 1032

By: Representatives England of the 108th, McCall of the 30th, Maddox of the 172nd, and Rynders of the 152nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the House Organic Farming and Raw Milk Study Committee; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, an increasing number of persons in this state desire to purchase organically
4 grown agricultural produce for human consumption; and

5 WHEREAS, what reasonably qualifies agricultural produce as organically grown raises
6 issues concerning product certification, fair business practices, and consumer protection; and

7 WHEREAS, a number of persons in this state prefer to purchase raw milk for human
8 consumption; and

9 WHEREAS, agricultural products, from whatever source, intended for human consumption
10 may raise issues concerning public health and safety and product liability.

11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
12 there is created the House Organic Farming and Raw Milk Study Committee to be composed
13 of five members. The chairperson, vice chairperson, and secretary of the House Committee
14 on Agriculture and Consumer Affairs shall serve ex officio. Two members of the House
15 Committee on Health and Human Services shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House
16 of Representatives. The Speaker shall designate a member of the committee as chairperson
17 of the committee. The chairperson shall call all meetings of the committee.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a study of the conditions,
19 needs, issues, and problems mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any action
20 or legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate. The committee may
21 conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or
22 convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and
23 accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution. The members of the committee

1 shall receive the allowances provided for in Code Section 28-1-8 of the Official Code of
2 Georgia Annotated. The allowances authorized by this resolution shall not be received by
3 any member of the committee for more than three days unless additional days are authorized.
4 The funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come from the funds
5 appropriated to the House of Representatives. In the event the committee makes a report of
6 its findings and recommendations, with suggestions for proposed legislation, if any, such
7 report shall be made on or before December 1, 2008. The committee shall stand abolished
8 on December 1, 2008.