

## House Resolution 1700

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## A RESOLUTION

- 1    Urging the Jekyll Island—State Park Authority to take certain measures to protect the
- 2    endangered sea turtle; and for other purposes.
- 3    WHEREAS, the sea turtle is an amazingly beautiful yet endangered species common to
- 4    Jekyll Island; and
- 5    WHEREAS, the growing popularity of the preservation efforts to protect the endangered sea
- 6    turtle on Jekyll Island has brought a renewed interest in the island and continues to help
- 7    bolster the island's economy; and
- 8    WHEREAS, investments made in the protection of sea turtles on Jekyll Island are smart
- 9    investments for nature lovers as well as the island's businesses; and
- 10   WHEREAS, by taking steps to protect nesting turtles by minimizing their exposure to light
- 11   from shore, Georgia can help preserve and increase populations of sea turtles, thereby
- 12   ensuring that this fascinating species continues for the enjoyment of generations to come and
- 13   create a unique attraction which draws visitors from around the world to the Georgia coast.
- 14   NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
- 15   the members of this body urge the Jekyll Island—State Park Authority to adopt ordinances
- 16   governing emissions of light, from both external and internal sources and including existing
- 17   structures and future structures, on Jekyll Island in order to protect sea turtles; consult with
- 18   the Department of Natural Resources in developing such ordinances; annually review the
- 19   enforcement and effectiveness of such ordinances and report the same, along with the
- 20   number of sea turtle nesting sites, to the public and the General Assembly; adopt updated
- 21   versions of such ordinances not later than December 31, 2008; and review such ordinances
- 22   not less than every five years thereafter and update the same as necessary and appropriate for
- 23   maintaining and improving sea turtle populations.

- 1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
- 2 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Jekyll Island—State
- 3 Park Authority and to the Governor of this state.