

Senate Resolution 1505

By: Senator Rogers of the 21st

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the Joint Cherokee County Transportation Study and Planning Commission; to
2 provide for the membership, powers, duties, and mission of the commission; to provide for
3 related matters; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, Cherokee County is the area where the city meets the mountains, and as one of
5 the largest and fastest-growing counties in Georgia, the transportation issues within the
6 county are complex and fast changing; and

7 WHEREAS, as one of the fastest-growing metropolitan counties, the transportation
8 development in Cherokee County has a major impact on many other counties and cities and
9 also impacts commuter traffic in and around the Atlanta area; and

10 WHEREAS, issues, particularly the needs and costs, of public transportation for Cherokee
11 County are in need of consideration by the county's leaders and are a growing public
12 concern; and

13 WHEREAS, intercounty cooperation is essential to resolving transportation needs and there
14 may be more cost-efficient ways for state and local governments to provide transportation
15 services; and

16 WHEREAS, in recent years, certain events, including the escalating cost of motor fuel, have
17 increased the financial burden on local governments and there is a continuous need to review
18 possible ways for local governments to improve transportation services with fewer resources;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, in light of the many transportation issues facing Cherokee County, it is
21 appropriate for its legislative delegation to come together and study and plan for the future
22 of transportation in their county.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that there is created the Joint
24 Cherokee County Transportation Study and Planning Commission to be composed of not
25 more than 20 members. The commission shall include all members of the House of
26 Representatives and Senate whose district includes, in whole or in part, Cherokee County.
27 The commission shall also include the members of the Cherokee County board of
28 commissioners and the mayors of any municipal corporation located in whole or in part in
29 Cherokee County. A majority of the legislative delegates shall call all meetings of the
30 commission and provide appropriate notice to all members.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the commission shall undertake a study of the
32 conditions, needs, issues, and problems mentioned above or related thereto and recommend
33 any action or legislation which the commission deems necessary or appropriate. The
34 commission may conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem
35 necessary or convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its
36 duties, and accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution; provided, however, that
37 an initial meeting of the commission shall be held no later than July 1, 2010. The members
38 of the commission shall not receive reimbursement from state funds for attending the
39 meetings of the commission. In the event the commission makes a report of its findings and
40 recommendations, with suggestions for proposed legislation, if any, such report shall be
41 made on or before January 1, 2011. The commission shall stand abolished on January 10,
42 2011.

43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall become effective on June 1, 2010;
44 provided, however, this resolution shall only become effective if the House of
45 Representatives adopts a resolution which substantially includes the same provisions as
46 outlined in this resolution.