

## A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the Joint Study Committee for Clean Energy Technology; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Georgia's economy and the quality of life of Georgia's citizens are dependent  
3 on careful stewardship of environmental resources; and

4 WHEREAS, at least 38 states have adopted or are developing climate action plans addressing  
5 land use, transportation, state procurement practices, and the energy efficiency of public  
6 facilities; and

7 WHEREAS, a continuing supply of energy resources is essential to the economy of the state  
8 and the well-being of its citizens; and

9 WHEREAS, the development of clean energy sources and technology promises to build new  
10 jobs, businesses, and long-term business markets in Georgia; and

11 WHEREAS, the General Assembly should ensure the state is strategically positioned to  
12 receive federal funds for the development of clean energy technologies and to respond in an  
13 economically efficient manner to likely new federal regulations; and

14 WHEREAS, Georgia should join sister states and develop a climate action plan and explore  
15 the most cost-effective opportunities to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GEORGIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
17 that there is created the Joint Study Committee for Clean Energy Technology to be composed  
18 of five members of the Senate to be appointed by the President of the Senate and five  
19 members of the House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the House. One  
20 member of the Senate and one member of the House shall be designated as cochairpersons  
21 of the committee. The cochairpersons shall call all meetings of the committee.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a study of the issues  
23 mentioned above and any other issues related thereto and recommend any actions or  
24 legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate. The committee may  
25 conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or  
26 convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and  
27 accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution. The members of the committee  
28 shall receive the allowances authorized for legislative members of interim legislative  
29 committees but shall receive the same for not more than ten days unless additional days are  
30 authorized. The departments, boards, authorities, commissions, and other agencies of the  
31 state and their staffs shall cooperate fully with the committee in its proceedings and are  
32 authorized to make available to the committee expert advice from their staffs and other  
33 sources available to such plans. The funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this  
34 resolution shall come from the funds appropriated to the House of Representatives and  
35 Senate. In the event the committee makes a report of its findings and recommendations, with  
36 suggestions for proposed legislation, if any, such report shall be made on or before December  
37 31, 2009. The committee shall stand abolished on December 31, 2009.