

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.