

Senate Resolution 641

By: Senator Unterman of the 45th

**ADOPTED SENATE**

**A RESOLUTION**

1 Creating a Senate Study Committee on Roosevelt Warm Springs Institute for Rehabilitation;  
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, located in Warm Springs, Georgia, the Roosevelt Warm Springs Institute for  
4 Rehabilitation is a comprehensive rehabilitation center operated under the Georgia  
5 Department of Labor; and

6 WHEREAS, the mission of Roosevelt Warm Springs is to empower persons with disabilities  
7 to achieve personal independence; and

8 WHEREAS, founded by President Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1927, Roosevelt Warm Springs  
9 has restored lives and provided rehabilitation services to thousands of individuals with  
10 disabilities for over 80 years; and

11 WHEREAS, each year, Roosevelt Warm Springs provides approximately 5,000 individuals  
12 with all types of disabilities rehabilitation services in areas including medical rehabilitation,  
13 vocational rehabilitation, and transitional living services; and

14 WHEREAS, the 900 acre Roosevelt Warm Springs site is recognized as a National Historic  
15 Landmark and includes a historic center quadrangle, 28 historic cottages, and a  
16 fully-accessible camp utilized by 2,000 disabled campers each year; and

17 WHEREAS, a site with great promise for attracting national and international heritage  
18 tourism, Roosevelt Warm Springs is planning a vocational residential village and school  
19 which will have a major impact on the campus and programming; and

20 WHEREAS, Roosevelt Warm Springs has been exploring the feasibility of providing  
21 rehabilitation services for military personnel and veterans; and

22 WHEREAS, Roosevelt Warm Springs is the second largest employer in Meriwether County,  
23 plays a critical role in the local economy, and is a vital contributor to the rehabilitation  
24 services offered by the State of Georgia; and

25 WHEREAS, there exists a large and supportive community surrounding Roosevelt Warm  
26 Springs that has demonstrated a willingness to be involved in enhancing the institute; and

27 WHEREAS, the Senate Human Development Appropriations Subcommittee visited  
28 Roosevelt Warm Springs and held a hearing on the operations of the facility; and

29 WHEREAS, study is needed to evaluate opportunities to enhance Roosevelt Warm Springs  
30 with participation and contributions from the community, the Department of Labor, the  
31 Roosevelt Warm Springs Development Fund Board, and others.

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that there is created the Senate  
33 Study Committee on Roosevelt Warm Springs Institute for Rehabilitation to be composed  
34 of five members to be appointed by the President of the Senate who shall designate one  
35 member as chairperson. The chairperson shall call all meetings of the committee.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a study of the conditions,  
37 needs, issues, and problems as described above and recommend any actions or legislation  
38 that the committee deems necessary or appropriate. The committee may conduct such  
39 meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or convenient to enable  
40 it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and accomplish the  
41 objectives and purposes of this resolution. The members of the committee shall receive the  
42 allowances provided for in Code Section 28-1-8 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated.  
43 The allowances authorized by this resolution shall not be received by any member of the  
44 committee for more than five days unless additional days are authorized. The funds  
45 necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come from the funds  
46 appropriated to the Senate. In the event the committee makes a report of its findings and  
47 recommendations, with suggestions for proposed legislation, if any, such report shall be  
48 made on or before December 1, 2009. The committee shall stand abolished on December  
49 1, 2009.