

## House Resolution 1146

By: Representatives Cox of the 102<sup>nd</sup>, Reese of the 98<sup>th</sup>, May of the 111<sup>th</sup>, Franklin of the 43<sup>rd</sup>, Byrd of the 20<sup>th</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Declaring the General Assembly's position that neither the state nor its citizens are obligated  
2 to comply with the dictates of a presidentially appointed "czar"; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, while the term "czar" within the meaning of presidential appointees is a press  
4 created, rather than a political, term, Mr. Bradley Patterson, who served on the White House  
5 staffs of three different Presidents and is one of the nation's leading authorities on  
6 presidential staffing, makes the case that such term should be reserved for a White House  
7 advisor who works on pressing issues requiring interagency coordination, who has not  
8 undergone Senate confirmation, and who reports directly to the President; and

9 WHEREAS, while such positions have been found in administrations as far back as that of  
10 Calvin Coolidge, recent administrations have tended to make more numerous such  
11 appointments; and

12 WHEREAS, whether and how these positions are consistent with the "Appointments Clause"  
13 in Article II, Section 2 of the United States Constitution, which states that the President "shall  
14 nominate, and by and with the Advice and Consent of the Senate, shall appoint Ambassadors,  
15 other public Ministers and Consuls, Judges of the supreme Court, and all other Officers of  
16 the United States" is a subject of congressional debate, including ongoing hearings by a  
17 Senate Judiciary Committee subcommittee; and

18 WHEREAS, the "Supremacy Clause" found in Article VI, Paragraph 2 establishes the  
19 Constitution, federal statutes, and U.S. treaties as "the supreme Law of the Land"; and it is  
20 the position of this body that any dictates of a "czar" appointed by a President without Senate  
21 confirmation are not binding on this state or the citizens of this state.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
23 GEORGIA that the members of this body give notice that they do not consider themselves

24 or the citizens of this state bound to comply with the orders of any presidentially appointed  
25 czar.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
27 and directed to transmit copies of this resolution to the Georgia delegation to Congress.