

## Senate Resolution 104

By: Senators Henson of the 41st and Butterworth of the 50th

## A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the Joint Crematoria Study Committee; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, with the price of funerals steadily increasing over the years, cremation has  
3 become a growing trend for honoring loved ones after they have passed on; and

4 WHEREAS, with increased demand for cremations, more crematoria are being built outside  
5 the traditional setting of a funeral home or cemetery, with some being located in industrial  
6 parks or in or near residential areas; and

7 WHEREAS, there are some health and safety concerns associated with crematoriums, such  
8 as the operation of high combustion industrial ovens; noise levels; associated exhaust  
9 emissions from the cremation process including nitrogen oxides, carbon monoxide, sulfur  
10 dioxide, particulate matter, mercury, and dioxins; and odors; and some persons find there is  
11 a stigma associated with living near a crematorium; and

12 WHEREAS, the United States Environmental Protection Agency has determined that  
13 crematoriums do not have to be regulated by that agency.

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
15 GEORGIA that there is created the Joint Crematoria Study Committee to be composed of six  
16 members. The President of the Senate shall appoint three members of the Senate as members  
17 of the committee and shall designate one of such members as cochairperson. The Speaker  
18 of the House of Representatives shall appoint three members of the House of Representatives  
19 as members of the committee and shall designate one of such members as cochairperson.  
20 The cochairpersons shall call all meetings of the committee.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a study of the conditions,  
22 needs, issues, and problems mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any action  
23 or legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate. The committee may

24 conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or  
25 convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and  
26 accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution. The legislative members of the  
27 committee shall receive the allowances provided for in Code Section 28-1-8 of the Official  
28 Code of Georgia Annotated. All funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution  
29 shall come from funds appropriated to the Senate and the House of Representatives. The  
30 expenses and allowances authorized by this resolution shall not be received by any member  
31 of the committee for more than five days unless additional days are authorized. In the event  
32 the committee makes a report of its findings and recommendations, with suggestions for  
33 proposed legislation, if any, such report shall be made on or before December 1, 2011. The  
34 committee shall stand abolished on December 1, 2011.