

## House Resolution 174

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the House Study Committee on Atlanta-Savannah High Speed Rail; and for other  
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the deepening of the Savannah River's ship channel to accommodate larger  
4 freight vessels is predicted to catapult the state's economy to a new level; and

5 WHEREAS, a direct rail link between the home city of the world's busiest airport and  
6 Savannah has the potential to greatly impact Georgia's economic vitality; and

7 WHEREAS, a high speed rail line connecting Atlanta to Savannah could quickly transport  
8 passengers for business and pleasure and be available to move cargo from the Port of  
9 Savannah to Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport, reducing the amount of cars and trucks  
10 on Georgia roadways; and

11 WHEREAS, study is needed to determine the feasibility of a high speed rail line connecting  
12 the cities of Atlanta and Savannah and whether legislation relevant thereto would be  
13 beneficial to the State of Georgia and its citizens.

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
15 there is created the House Study Committee on Atlanta-Savannah High Speed Rail to be  
16 composed of five members of the House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker  
17 of the House of Representatives. The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall select  
18 one of the members appointed as the chairperson of the committee. The chairperson shall  
19 call all meetings of the committee.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a study of the conditions,  
21 needs, and issues mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any action or  
22 legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate. The committee may  
23 conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or

24 convenient to enable the committee to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its  
25 duties, and accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution. The members of the  
26 committee shall receive the allowances provided for in Code Section 28-1-8 of the Official  
27 Code of Georgia Annotated. The allowances authorized by this resolution shall not be  
28 received by any member of the committee for more than five days unless additional days are  
29 authorized. The funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come  
30 from the funds appropriated to the House of Representatives. In the event the committee  
31 makes a report of its findings and recommendations, with suggestions for proposed  
32 legislation, if any, such report shall be made on or before the convening of the 2014 session  
33 of the General Assembly, at which time the committee and its advisory committee shall stand  
34 abolished.