

House Resolution 1648

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A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the House Study Committee on African American History and Culture; and for
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the contributions and cultural influences stemming from African Americans are
4 prevalent in today's society and have a widespread, deep-rooted impact throughout this state;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, it is important to honor and preserve the legacy of those Georgians of African
7 American descent in their unique contributions to this state; and

8 WHEREAS, the best way of collecting, preserving, interpreting, documenting, and exhibiting
9 the rich contributions of African American Georgians from this state's earliest history to the
10 present and the future is a work deserving of study; and

11 WHEREAS, there may be a need for a state-wide museum to study ways to protect and
12 interpret Georgia's African American history and culture to serve as the premier experience
13 and best resource for information and inspiration about the lives of African American
14 Georgians.

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

16 (1) **Creation of House study committee.** There is created the House Study Committee
17 on African American History and Culture.

18 (2) **Members and officers.** The committee shall be composed of five members of the
19 House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of
20 Representatives. The Speaker shall designate a member of the committee as chairperson
21 of the committee.

22 (3) **Powers and duties.** The committee shall undertake a study of the conditions, needs,
23 issues, and problems mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any action or
24 legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate.

25 (4) **Meetings.** The chairperson shall call all meetings of the committee. The committee
26 may conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or
27 convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and
28 accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution.

29 (5) **Allowances and funding.**

30 (A) The legislative members of the committee shall receive the allowances provided
31 for in Code Section 28-1-8 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated.

32 (B) The allowances authorized by this resolution shall not be received by any member
33 of the committee for more than five days unless additional days are authorized. Funds
34 necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come from funds
35 appropriated to the House of Representatives.

36 (6) **Report.**

37 (A) In the event the committee adopts any specific findings or recommendations that
38 include suggestions for proposed legislation, the chairperson shall file a report of the
39 same prior to the date of abolishment specified in this resolution, subject to
40 subparagraph (C) of this paragraph.

41 (B) In the event the committee adopts a report that does not include suggestions for
42 proposed legislation, the chairperson shall file the report, subject to subparagraph (C)
43 of this paragraph.

44 (C) No report shall be filed unless the same has been approved prior to the date of
45 abolishment specified in this resolution by majority vote of a quorum of the committee.
46 A report so approved shall be signed by the chairperson of the committee and filed with
47 the Clerk of the House of Representatives.

48 (D) In the absence of an approved report, the chairperson may file with the Clerk of the
49 House of Representatives a copy of the minutes of the meetings of the committee in lieu
50 thereof.

51 (7) **Abolishment.** The committee shall stand abolished on December 1, 2018.